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DEDICATION



The 2003 Annual Town Report is dedicated to Mary and Chester W. Butcher, Jr., with thanks for their many years of service to the town of New Hampton.

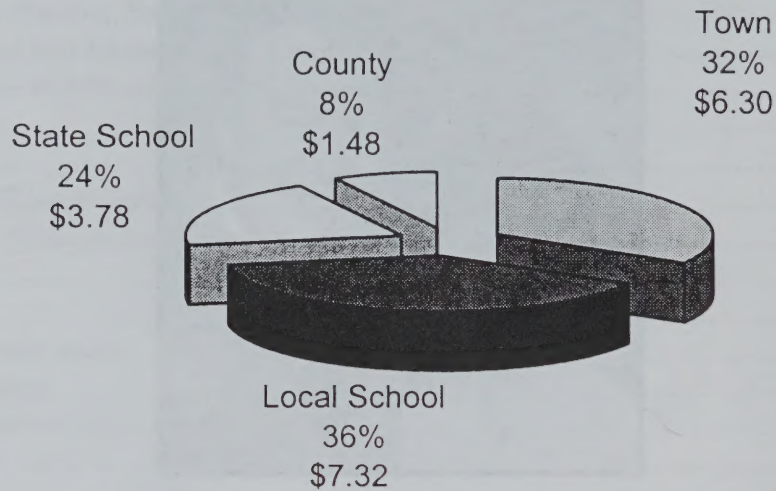
Chet is a native of Hill, NH, and Mary (Morrill), of Bristol, NH. The Butchers came to New Hampton in 1971, when Chet became the town's first fulltime Police Chief. They built a home on Mulberry Lane and raised two sons, Thomas and James. They are now the proud grandparents of three more boys, T.J., Matthew, and Andrew, who live in North Carolina.

Chet held the position of Police Chief for 12 years (1971-1983) and went on to serve in law enforcement for many more years before retiring. He was a Planning Board member for 8 years, Chairman for 6 of those years. He served as a member of the Board of Selectmen for 6 years (1996-2002). In his position as Selectman, he was involved in important issues that faced the town such as the landfill closure, Blake Hill Bridge project, Central Street Bridge project, perambulation of town lines, the development of new personnel policies, and the recent purchase of the 97 acres of land for town facilities. He was also a member of the Solid Waste Committee, Town Facilities Planning and Development Committee and the Zoning Board of Adjustment. He also was well known for establishing a trail system in New Hampton for snowmobilers.

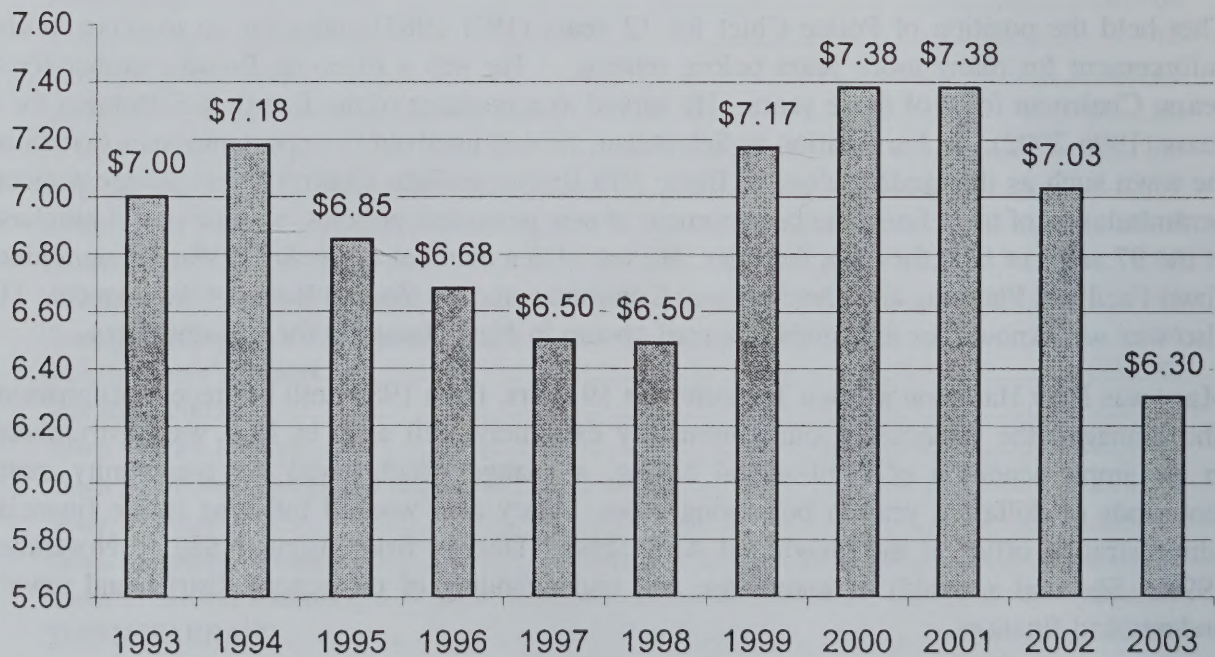
Mary was New Hampton's Town Treasurer for 19 years, from 1985 until her recent resignation. She managed the finances of our community extremely well and, in fact, was instrumental in the implementation of semi-annual billing, a change which saved the community many thousands of dollars a year in borrowing costs. Mary also worked full-time in the financial administrative office at the Newfound Area School District from August 1982 to November 1999. She had a wealth of knowledge and understanding of the school district and town's budgets and finances.

Chet and Mary have purchased a new home and from now on will be spending their winters in North Carolina. Without question, they are looking forward to being closer to those three grandsons. They will return in the spring to their little paradise on Newfound Lake. We wish them the best in their retirement, but we will certainly miss their expertise and their dedication to community service and to the town of New Hampton.

2003 TAX RATE @ \$18.88/thousand



TOWN TAX RATES '1993-2003'



TOWN PORTION OF THE TAX RATE PER \$1000 ASSESSED VALUATION

Note: 2003 Assessments greatly increased based on assessment update

State of the Community

This year was good to New Hampton. All departments came in below their budget level with the exception of one whose small overage could not have been anticipated due to unexpected mailing expenses. This overage has been taken care of in next year's budget. The balance of the operating budget will be used to reduce next year's taxes. Over the last five months, the Board, working with department heads, developed a budget for 2004 with an operating budget and additional warrant articles showing a minimal increase of *4/10 of 1%* over last year's budget. We anticipate no increase and possibly a decrease in the town's portion of the tax rate.

TAX ASSESSMENTS: The Board of Selectmen in their role as the town assessors are required to review property assessments annually to insure equity and fair distribution of the tax burden for each taxpayer of the community. This review is done with the assistance of a certified appraiser and with guidance from the State of New Hampshire Department of Revenue. The State of New Hampshire, based on a Supreme Court decision, administers rules and guidelines requiring the proper maintenance of tax assessments to insure the level of assessments and uniformity of those assessments are equitable. In New Hampton the assessment project was two-fold. First: the Board of Selectmen in the fall of 2002 recognized, based on the recent market sales of property, that there was a need for a possible update. After analyzing sales and evaluating the current assessed values, an update was authorized and implemented for the tax year April 1, 2003-March 31, 2004. This update affected all building values, waterfront land values and commercial land values. The preliminary results of the State's "Equalization Ratio Study," which is a sales analysis showing the market versus current assessed values, indicates that our update of assessments is in line with the State guidelines. Second: the Board implemented an assessment card maintenance program to verify the accuracy of the data on each card over a four-year period. This process, in accordance with State rules and guidelines, will be accomplished by visiting approximately 25% of properties per year to verify and correct (if necessary) the data on assessment cards.

It is our expectation that in 2006, when we are certified/reviewed by the State of NH, we will be able to show we have maintained assessments to insure the fair and equitable distribution of the tax burden each year and that each property has been visited and data verified over the last four years. If we are not successful and are unable to maintain assessments to meet the State's criteria, the State may require a full revaluation, a process that would cost a significant amount of money. If we are successful in maintaining our assessed values, we can avoid the cost of a full revaluation. Unfortunately, it is a misconception of many that a full revaluation would solve the town's assessment concerns. The days of a full revaluation resulting in assessed values being valid for five to ten years are gone, and this process is not recommended by the State. Full revaluations have been performed in other communities, and the following year or two have had to be updated. It is essential that we consider on an annual basis property assessments and make adjustments (up or down) when necessary to maintain assessments and meet the state guidelines. It is with this need in mind that we would ask the voters to support the

purchase of new software (Warrant Article #8) that will aid in the efficient and fair valuation of each property.

Please do not hesitate to call the office if you have questions regarding your property assessment.

Considering the impact of taxes on our senior population also played a major role in our year's work. We have placed a warrant article on the ballot for the voters to consider raising the exemption amounts for the value of property that may be tax exempt as one grows older. We have also increased the income and asset eligibility levels to provide tax relief for more of our seniors over 65. We are looking for voter approval on this article. Applications are available upon request at the Town Office.

TOWN PROPERTY: We are very excited about the Treitman property being developed for town facilities and appreciate the hard work put in by the Town Facilities Planning and Development Committee. It never ceases to amaze how much unseen volunteer work is done by our various boards. This year they have been especially busy with a new surge in growth and change.

CENTRAL STREET BRIDGE: The Central Street Bridge project continues. We are requesting an appropriation this year to continue our efforts to secure a "memorandum of agreement" with the State of NH and the Federal government to replace this bridge. The memorandum of agreement is between the towns and the United States Army Corp. of Engineers and the State of New Hampshire Preservation Office, which stipulates the conditions and requirements of State and Federal agencies for the removal of the existing bridge by the towns. This agreement is required because the bridge is currently listed as eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. This phase of the project may require engineering services, an archaeological expert and historical expert to support Bristol and New Hampton's wishes. The actual construction of this project may be four to five years away. This summer the State of NH provided services to repair the bridge to increase the weight limit to 16 tons from 10 tons, allowing us a few more years before the project would need to commence. Final design and permitting for this bridge will be costly and likely to take a year or more. We greatly appreciate the town of Bristol's support of this ongoing project.

COURT CASE: This past year we have also been faced with a court case: Winona Springs Water, Inc. v. Town of New Hampton. This case involves a property that was tax deeded to the town in 1997 for non-payment of taxes. This property was deeded to the town in accordance with State law and tax lien procedures. At the Superior Court we were successful in having the case dismissed, based on a recent decision by the Supreme Court - *Lee James Enterprises, Inc. v. Town of Northumberland*, which is similar to the facts in our case. Winona Springs Water Co., the previous owner of the property, has appealed the Superior Court decision to the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court has agreed to hear the case, and the town will be filing its brief at the end of February 2004. The issues are many and complex. Our town counsel, Attorney Tim Bates, has represented you well, and we are fairly confident that the town will prevail in the case.

Many communities in the state have also taken an interest in this case, for it may affect similar situations in their communities. In fact, the NH Tax Collector's Association will file a brief with the court supporting the town's position. We will anxiously await the Supreme Court's decision.

The Public Works Department is up to full strength with some excellent hires. The Fire Department did a break down of their monthly calls on weekdays and weekends which justified their continuing to man the fire station on weekends. The Police Department is nearly at full strength with the addition of two excellent officers.

Many thanks go to our town Tax Collector and those who assist in the administrative offices. They handle themselves very well in some difficult situations.

As Selectmen we would like to give special thanks to our Town Administrator Barbara Lucas for keeping us on the straight and narrow. She truly has a great command of the rules and regulations for some very complex issues. Her office lights can be seen burning late at night as she goes about the town's business. Thanks, Barbara.

We have updated the town's website and encourage you to visit the site www.new-hampton.nh.us.

Peter L. Gulick
Thomas R. Smith
Bernard Fred Avery
Selectmen of New Hampton

Town Officers

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Selectmen

Peter L. Gulick 2004 Thomas R. Smith 2005
B. Fred Avery 2006

Treasurer

Mary A. Butcher 2004*

***Mary A. Butcher resigned 12/12/03**

***Glen C. Smith appointed 12/13/03**

Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Cynthia M. Hallberg 2004

Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector (appointed)

Kathy M. Connor

Moderator

Kenneth N. Kettenring 2004

Supervisors of the Checklist

Barbara H. Chase 2004 Marilyn J. Clark 2006

Barbara J. Vose 2008

Trustees of Trust Funds

Michel S. LeDuc, Jr. 2006 T. Holmes Moore 2004

Pamela Cabell-Whiting 2005

Sarah Dow MacGregor Scholarship Fund

Theodora A. Denoncour 2004

Jacqueline G. Prince 2006

Patricia L. Burton, School Board Rep.

School Budget Committee

Melissa A. Emery 2005

School Board

Patricia L. Burton 2005

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Chief of Police

Nathaniel H. Sawyer, Jr.

Public Works Director

Gordon M. Huckins

Fire Chief and Fire Warden

David A. Clement

Emergency Management Director

David A. Clement

Town Administrator

Barbara A. Lucas

Health Officer

Marilyn J. Clark

Planning Board

Kenneth N. Kettenring 2005

George J. Luciano 2005

Paul J. Tierney 2004

Kristin J. Harmon 2006

Laura E. Lynch 2006

Peter L. Gulick, Sel. Rep. 2004

Dana S. Torsey, Sel. Alt. 2005

Kenneth A. Mertz, Alt. 2004

John A. Shepard, Alt. 2004

John C. Conkling, Alt. 2005

Clay A. Mazur, Alt. 2006

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Brenda S. Erler 2004

Robert A. Fischer 2006

Robert L. Thompson 2006

Wallace G. Orvis 2004

Thomas R. Smith, Sel. Rep. 2005

A. Alden Hofling, Alt. 2004

Kermit G. Frazier, Alt. 2004

Stacey M. Shepard, Alt. 2005

Conservation Commission

Daniel P. Moore 2006

Mary J. Hall 2005

Patricia P. Schlesinger 2004

William A. Huckins 2004

Karon A. Mertz, 2006

William C. Walsh, Honorary Member

Peter L. Gulick, Sel. Rep. 2004

David J. Prutzanni, Alt. 2005

Richard E. Hillger, Jr, Alt. 2006

Heritage Commission

Frederick Smith, Jr. 2004
Michael J. Dowal 2004
Christina M. Pollock 2005

Marilyn D. Woodward 2005
Kristin J. Harmon 2004
B. Fred Avery, Sel. Rep 2006

Recreation Department

Vacant

Solid Waste Committee

William J. Roberts
A. Alden Hofling

Francis O. Lathrop, Jr.
B. Fred Avery, Sel. Rep.

Newsletter Committee

Robert L. Thompson
Robert A. Fischer
Norma Jean Moore

Bernard L. Smith
Jane B. Smith
Frederick Smith, Jr.

Paul W. Fisher
Frederick B. Henning

Ballot Inspectors

Patricia E. Torsey - Chair 2004
Dana S. Torsey 2004

Hope R. Clement 2004
Sherman L. Moulton 2004

Town Facilities Planning and Development Committee

Susan N. LeDuc, Co-Chairman
Robert W. Pollock, Jr., Co-Chairman
Michael J. Coleman
Bruce H. Harvey
Frederick Smith, Jr.
Gylene A. Salmon
Michael F. Anderson
Daniel P. Moore
Kristin J. Harmon

James H. Eckert, Jr.
Steve A. Virgin
William A. Huckins
Clay A. Mazur

Department Representatives:

Police Chief Nathaniel H. Sawyer, Jr.
Fire Chief David A. Clement
Cynthia M. Hallberg
Barbara A. Lucas

TOWN OF NEW HAMPTON
FIRST SESSION of the ANNUAL MEETING
February 4, 2003

The Moderator, Ken Kettenring called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the New Hampton Community School located on Main Street, New Hampton, New Hampshire.

The Moderator recognized the Board of Selectmen for a presentation. Selectman Susan LeDuc said traditionally each year we have presented a plaque to some very special people who have done some fabulous things for our town. This year we have done something different. We are presenting a plaque to a very important couple who have been extremely involved in our Town. Listed briefly are just some of the things they have been involved in: Sarah Dow MacGregor Scholarship Fund member from 1987 – 1990; member of the Supervisor of the Checklist from 1988 – 1993; member of the committee for the personnel policy manual; ballot inspector; community profile member; countless hours in the Town Office reorganizing the file system for assessment records; the space needs committee; the implementation of enhanced 911, of the New Hampton Community Church: Moderator; President of the American Baptist Women's Diaconate; Community building committee; Women's Fellowship President and her partner was a Selectman from 1994-2001; Trustee of Trust Funds from 1975-1978; Auditor from 1988-1994; Planning Board from 1987-1996; Involved in the Capital Improvements Program in 1989; Newsletter Committee; Town Solid Waste Committee; Municipal Facilities Committee; implementation of the Enhanced 911; Member of the NH Municipal Association Legislative Committee; Village Cemetery Treasurer, Gordon Nash Library Trustee Treasurer; Business Manager of the New Hampton School; Auditor for the State of NH Department of Revenue Inheritance Division; reading to the Children at the New Hampton Community School; New Hampton Community Church members of the Choir; Treasurer of the Church; Diaconate men's morning breakfast club. These are only some of the things that these folks have done. Susan presented the plaque that read: "Appreciation for Dedicated Service to the Town of New Hampton – Patricia W. and Laurence A. Blood." There was a standing ovation by the audience.

The Moderator stated that there was a handout of rules in the back of the room for everyone to pick up that pertained to this meeting. Also, whoever speaks at this meeting please state your name and where you live. **Article #1** – will not be discussed tonight. This article is the election of officers, which we will be voting on March 11. A question was asked of the Town Clerk who the list of candidates were that filed for the different positions. The Town Clerk provided the requested names.

ARTICLE #2 – Are you in favor of the adoption of an amendment to the New Hampton Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the planning board, as follows:

Add to the National Flood Development Ordinance Item I – Definition of Terms the definition of a “Recreational Vehicle” and Item VIII – Special Flood Hazard Areas relative to the placement of recreational vehicles in Flood Zones?

The Moderator said that we cannot amend this, but we can discuss it. This article will also be voted on March 11. Clay Mazur asked what Article #2 meant. The Moderator said that in order for the Town to maintain its flood insurance it needs to include these two definitions which have been written by Congress and mandated that they must be included in order to maintain the ability to be involved in the National Flood Plain Insurance Program. You can get a copy of the language at the town office anytime between now and March 11. Selectman LeDuc followed up by saying that every town in the country has to comply with the minimum standards in the National Flood Plain Insurance Program. This is for the people who live in town in a flood zone to get insurance. If we don't pass this, it puts at risk the people who live in a flood zone the ability to continue to have flood insurance, which they need to have if they have a federally insured bank mortgage loan. It is just one of those things that we need to pass to update our ordinance. There were no more questions. The Moderator then proceeded to Article #3.

ARTICLE #3 - Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling one million five hundred thirty-nine thousand four hundred fifty-five dollars and two cents (\$1,539,455.02)? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be one million three hundred eighty-eight thousand three hundred eighty-five dollars and eighteen cents (\$1,388,385.18), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action by the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

This article was moved by Selectman Fred Avery and seconded by Selectman Susan LeDuc. Fred explained this article in detail of why there were increases and decreases on certain items in the operating budget. Police Chief Sawyer explained his portion of the operating budget with questions from Wayne Roswell and Cynthia Bruning. Fire Chief Dave Clement then explained his portion of the operating budget with no questions, then Public Works Director Gordon Huckins explained his portion of the operating budget also with no questions. Cynthia Bruning then asked the Selectmen if they knew how many cemeteries that are maintained in town and the answer was 53.

Paul Tierney submitted an amendment as follows: **“To amend article #3 - Operating Budget - line item “Planning Board” from \$3,625 to \$4,125 for the purpose of updating the census data enclosed in the Master Plan.”** Susan LeDuc seconded this amendment. Ken Mertz being a member of the Planning Board spoke in favor of the amendment. Kris Harmon made a motion to move the question and Pat Schlesinger seconded it. The Moderator then read the amendment and it passed unanimously. **The Moderator then reread the amended article and it passed unanimously to include this article on the ballot.**

ARTICLE #4 - Shall the town raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$160,000) to place in the New Town Building(s) Construction and Land Purchase Fund, a Capital Reserve Fund established in 1999 for the purchase of land and construction of one or more Town buildings and authorize the transfer of that amount from the General Fund balance as of December 31, 2002, with no amount to be raised from taxation? The Amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 3. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

This article was moved by Selectman Susan LeDuc and seconded by Kris Harmon. Susan explained the article by saying that if this passes the total that would be in the fund would be \$343,550.68. The facilities committee has met several times since September of 2002 working on several ideas for planning the new facilities which will be located at the other end of Main Street behind the current Fire Station. The property consists of 97.7 acres. We need to work on the access point to the property. We are at a point right now in our committee work where we are applying for a grant. This is our third try and if we win the grant we will know this spring sometime. By mid-summer we hope to have a document back to the Board of Selectmen making some sort of recommendation about how we move forward to developing the property. Nothing else will happen to the money that is going into the capital reserve fund at least until next year when we would come back to this meeting with a proposal for what's to be done and then there would be an article on how we would spend the money. The only thing we are doing tonight is voting to move money that was in surplus from last year, it is no new tax money, we are just shifting it over into this capital reserve which is basically a savings account for when we eventually pay for the building.

Discussion -

Fran Wendelboe - Asked how much money was in surplus. Susan answered \$450,195.00 a portion of that is what we are proposing to move into the capital reserve another portion of it was used to reduce taxes.

Wally Orvis - Asked if the town knew that the site was an archeological site? Susan said she was not aware of it.

Kris Harmon - Is in support of article and urges voters to pass this article as the current building is lacking in space.

Fran Wendelboe - Introduced an amendment, which was seconded by Pat Torsey to reduce article #4 to \$100,000. instead of \$160,000. Fran said that instead of the taxpayers being given the tax break with the surplus being applied to reduce this years tax load we are just putting it into a rainy day fund for a future building. There are people right now who might be losing the building that's over their head because they don't have jobs and can't pay their taxes and it is time to put some aside but let's not be as generous as \$160,000.

Ralph Kirshner - Spoke against the amendment

David Clement - ??????????????

Kris Harmon - Made a motion to move the amendment, seconded by Paul Tierney.

The Moderator then asked for those in favor of the amendment and there were a few ayes. He then asked for those not in favor of the amendment by saying nay. The nays defeated the ayes. **The moderator declared the amendment defeated.**

Kris Harmon made a motion to take a vote on the article as written and Paul Tierney seconded it. The Moderator then read the article and it passed with a few nays. **The Moderator declared that the article passed and to be included on the ballot.**

Discussion -

Cynthia Bruning - Asked about the comment that Wally Orvis made earlier.

Wally Orvis - Said that he was told that the Town Office has been informed about it and there is a report. UNH did the report. The floor let the Town Administrator Barbara Lucas speak and she said that the town was aware of it.

ARTICLE #5 - Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) for preliminary planning and design of future municipal building(s), recreational fields, trails and for other public needs of the community on the 97 acres +/- of town property, located off Fire House Lane, Tax Map U-2, Lot 3? This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until December 31, 2004. The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 3. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

This article was moved by Selectman Susan LeDuc and seconded by Kris Harmon. Susan explained this is a follow up to the previous article by saying that this article can be spent anytime in 2003 or 2004 basically for planning and design work at this site. There was no discussion. **The Moderator reread the article and it passed unanimously to be included on the ballot.**

ARTICLE #6 - Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-seven thousand dollars (\$27,000) to repair, restore, or replace the roof and window sashes on the Old Town House, and authorize the transfer of that amount from the General Fund balance as of December 31, 2002, with no amount to be raised from taxation? This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until December 31, 2004. The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 3. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

This article was moved by Selectman Susan LeDuc and seconded by Fred Smith. Susan referred this article to Fred Smith. Fred explained the article by saying that the Heritage Commission got approval to hire an individual who is well known in restoration circles in New Hampshire and is from Derry. He is in the business of restoring old structures and we retained him to make an examination of the town house and make a report to the Selectmen. He made four visits and a number of us met with him. The chimney on the southwest side is settling but has not separated from the building yet. The roof shingles are deteriorating and needs to be replaced in the next couple of years. The floors can be done anytime. The windows, which are over 200 years old, are in remarkably good shape because of the storm window shutters. There are very few meetinghouses in this State that have the original windows in them and it is a very tricky process to replace the sash without breaking the windows. Because of the windows being so unusual having 35 panes per window the cost will be \$40 per pane or \$1,400 per window. He feels that we do have an unusual historic structure and the windows are a very large measure of importance.

Discussion –

Nancy Conkling - Supported the article
Pat Schlesinger - Made a motion to move article and Nancy Conkling seconded it.

The Moderator then reread the article and it passed unanimously to be included on the March 11, 2003 ballot.

ARTICLE # 7 - Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in the Central Street Bridge Repair or Reconstruction Fund, a Capital Reserve Fund established in 2000 for the purpose of repairs to the existing bridge or the construction of a new bridge with the Town of Bristol? The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 3. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

This article was moved by Selectman Fred Avery and seconded by Selectman Susan LeDuc. Fred explained the article by saying that we have been putting \$50,000 a year away and things have changed within the last week in that the bridge has

deteriorated a lot worse than we had realized. We thought we had 2 or 3 years before we had to do something but I think now we are at the point where we need to do something quicker.

Discussion –

Joseph April - Mr. April is a resident and engineer from SEA Consultants, Inc. who was hired this past spring to start to look at what the appropriate thing would be to do to repair or replace the bridge. All the issues have been taken into consideration such as present condition, wetlands permits, in a poor flood zone, what would make or break the project, what general condition it was in, all of those things is what both Boards of Selectmen wanted us to look at. The money was limited so we did not do a full inspection, we took the State's inspection reports and looked at those over the years which has shown deterioration. There is no way of determining how fast the deterioration is happening we just have to keep watching it. The State recently went in there with a large truck and looked underneath and did find some holes in some of the beams. There is discussion with the State to see if they can do some repairs to keep it going along until it can be repaired or replaced. It is a one and a half lane bridge and the approaches are very difficult. The designs the Selectmen are having us look at fixes some of the approach work as best as we can and raise it up out of the flood waters somewhat to protect it. We will be issuing a report to the Selectmen and at that time the two Boards will work together to decide which option the towns should go forward with.

Pat Schlesinger - ????????????????

Cynthia Bruning - Asked if the school buses were safe to cross. Fire Chief Dave Clement responded. If we appropriate \$50,000 at a time and given the information that the bridge is close to it's lifetime are we not appropriating too slowly? Susan said that it is a bridge we share with Bristol. There have been conversations in the past with Bristol and there has been a non-meeting of the minds of what percentage the towns should pay. Bristol has not appropriated any money so we are further ahead on our side. We do have a meeting scheduled with Bristol on the March 20th. There is a 10-ton limit at this time.

Jack Bruning - I think what we should be talking about is when we build a new bridge not if we build a new bridge. There are numerous accidents and it is relatively unsafe. If you look at the metal approaches they are hit frequently and there is no question that there is a safety factor. The 10-ton limit affects a lot of people including businesses. It has no pedestrian walk. Susan LeDuc said this all happened last week and it was very unexpected. We are working with DOT and doing everything we can even on a temporary basis to get the weight ability of the bridge higher so that buses can go over it. As soon as we get something from DOT that says what we can do on a temporary basis to try to make this the best way that we can knowing that we have to work with Bristol to come together to decide on a plan. Bristol does not have any money saved and we are going to try and work with them.

Dave Clement - Said that no fire trucks could go over the bridge now. Dave was concerned when the bridge was going to be closed. Mr. April said that he did

not know. There is rust and they don't know how many beams are affected or how fast it will rust. It will continue to deteriorate and it will continue to get worse. Dave expressed the concern for fire safety on that end of town.

Wally Orvis - Asked why are we arguing with Bristol on which town pays what percentage. Susan LeDuc responded by saying that Bristol took it to their town meeting last year and they defeated it and we are still looking forward to meeting with them on March 20th.

Ralph Kirshner - **Made a motion to amend the article to substitute one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) for fifty thousand dollars.** Wally Orvis seconded this. Ralph said this is a reserve fund we are just setting it aside. Wally agreed in saying that we have wasted enough time and hopefully Bristol will meet us half way.

Nancy Conkling - Said that she goes over the bridge several times a day and has noticed how much it has deteriorated.

Clay Mazur - Asked how much was in the capital reserve fund now and how much will it cost for each of the options. Fred said there is \$153,667.10. When we first started putting this money in we thought our share would be \$250,000 and it still may be. Susan LeDuc said that there are 3 options: Option #1 is to rebuild the existing trust bridge and the cost would be \$2.6 million; Option #2 is a new free stand bridge and the cost would be \$3.7 million; Option #3 is a new single stand bridge which is \$4.5 million. We take 20% of that and decide how it will be split between the Towns.

Pat Torsey - ????????????

Fran Wendelboe - Asked how long it would take to build the bridge.

Chief Sawyer - Asked since we have raised our money and Bristol does not have any money raised would it delay the project. Susan LeDuc responded by saying it could possibly delay the project if Bristol decides not to bond the money or raise it. Susan also said that she did not think they have the ability to raise it this next year unless they appropriate at the next March Town Meeting.

Fred Smith - Said his understanding of sharing the costs between towns is proportionate to the tax base. Bristol does not want to pay their share according to the tax base. Their share would be larger or that they would do it on a 50/50 basis. Asked if they had gone to their voters with both options and Susan said that the voters turned it down.

Wally Orvis - His understanding by talking to a few Bristol residents was that they were very well aware it was based on the valuation, they did not want to pay their share, but would consider 50/50 between the towns.

Pat Torsey - ???????????? – Susan LeDuc responded by saying the way the Statute reads it has to be either by valuation or as agreed to by the Towns. Fred Smith said it says it shall be by equalized valuation unless the parties agree otherwise.

Fred Avery - A question was asked earlier what the time frame was and he said 3 years.

Cynthia Bruning - Asked the Selectmen to address the safety issues with the Bristol Selectmen on their meeting scheduled for March 20.

The Moderator read the amendment, which changes the amount from \$50,000 to \$150,000. The Moderator asked for a voice vote and it was to close too call and then asked for the Ballot Inspectors. **The Ayes – 20, Nays –15. The amendment passed.** There was no further discussion. **The Moderator read the amended article and it passed to be included on the ballot.**

ARTICLE #8 - Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be placed in the Town Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund established in 1997? The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under article 3. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

This article was moved by Selectman Fred Avery and seconded by Selectman Susan LeDuc. Fred explained the article and said that currently there is \$44,000 in this fund. There was no discussion. **The Moderator then reread this article and it passed unanimously to be included on the ballot.**

ARTICLE #9 - Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) to be placed in the Town Vehicle Repair Fund, an expendable general trust fund created by Town vote in 1997 under RSA 31:19-a for the purpose of making major emergency repairs to town vehicles? The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 3. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was moved by Selectmen Fred Avery and seconded by Selectmen Susan LeDuc. Fred explained the article and there was no discussion. **The Moderator reread the article and it passed unanimously to be included on the ballot.**

ARTICLE #10 - Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand five hundred fifty-five dollars (\$25,555) to purchase and equip a Police Cruiser? The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 3.

The article was moved by Police Chief Sawyer and seconded by Fire Chief Clement. The Police Chief explained the article.

Discussion –

Fran Wendelboe - Asked the Selectmen why some articles are recommended by the Selectmen and why some are not. Selectman Susan LeDuc said the ones that are recommend have to be by RSA.

Cynthia Bruning - Asked how many vehicles the department currently has. Chief Sawyer responded by saying 4.

No further questions were asked. **The Moderator then reread the article and it passed unanimously to be included on the ballot.**

ARTICLE #11 - Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand twenty-nine dollars (\$4,029) to purchase a lap top computer to be installed in a police cruiser? This article is not included in the operating budget under Article 3.

This article was moved by Police Chief Sawyer and seconded by Doug Smith. Chief Sawyer explained the article.

Discussion –

Clay Mazur - Asked Chief Sawyer what kind of a laptop it was.

No was further discussion. **The Moderator then reread the article and it passed unanimously to be included on the ballot.**

ARTICLE #12 - Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand eight hundred dollars ((\$5,800) for 2 portable 2-way radios for the Police Department? The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 3.

This article was moved by Police Chief Sawyer and seconded by Doug Smith. Chief Sawyer explained the article. There was no discussion. **The Moderator reread the article and it passed unanimously to be included on the ballot.**

ARTICLE #13 - Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$225,000), in the event that the town is unsuccessful in being awarded the Federal Emergency Management Agency Assistance to Firefighters Grant, to purchase a new fire truck and authorize the withdrawal of \$180,000 from the Fire Department Special Revenue Fund with the balance of \$45,000 to be raised from taxation? This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until December 31, 2004. The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 3. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was moved by Fire Chief Clement and seconded by Doug Smith. Dave explained the article by saying that he came to this meeting last year with the same amount of money and applied for a grant through FEMA and did not get it. He said that he will try again this year.

Discussion –

Wally Orvis - Asked about the amount of the article and the time period. Chief Clement said that it takes two years to build a fire truck.

Paul Tierney - Wanted to know what kind of truck he was looking for. Chief Clement responded by saying he has looked at a few different companies and has narrowed it down to a couple within the State that build custom fire trucks.

Clay Mazur - Asked if we were replacing a vehicle and the answer was yes, the 1974 International. The 1989, which we currently have will be taking a secondary role.

Cynthia Bruning - Asked if there was a different way to rewrite article 13 as it was difficult to understand. Dave agreed, but he said we still have to authorize to spend the whole \$225,000. Barbara Lucas said the article has to start out with the whole appropriation.

There was no further discussion. **The Moderator reread the article and it passed unanimously to be included on the ballot.**

ARTICLE #14 - Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for the purchase of self-contained breathing apparatus for the Fire Department? The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 3.

The article was moved by Fire Chief Clement and seconded by Doug Smith. Chief Clement explained the article by saying that the newest breathing apparatus is 7 to 8 years old and some of the others are 13 years old. It is one of the most important life saving tools that we have, not only for the firefighter fighting the fire but also for the folks they are trying to rescue.

Discussion -

Ken Mertz - Asked if this will cover the whole department and Chief Clement answered by saying half of the department.

There was no further discussion. **The Moderator reread the article and it passed unanimously to be included on the ballot.**

ARTICLE #15 - Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for the purchase of a new defibrillator for Fire Department Ambulance? The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 3.

This article was moved by Fire Chief Clement and seconded by Doug Smith. Chief Clement explained the article. There was no discussion. **The Moderator reread the article and it passed unanimously to be included on the ballot.**

ARTICLE #16 - Shall the town raise and appropriate the sum of eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000) to reconstruct and resurface paved town roads and authorize the transfer of \$65,000 from the General Fund balance as of December 31, 2002, with \$15,000 to be raised from taxation? The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 3.

This article was moved by Public Works Director Gordon Huckins and seconded by Selectman Susan LeDuc. Gordon explained the article saying that for years now this article along with the highway block grant money has been used to resurface and reconstruct roads.

Discussion –

Nancy Conkling - Asked how many miles of road there are in town. The answer is 79 miles of road. Selectman Fred Avery said that in the Spring the Town has an engineer through the Lakes Region Planning Commission to take a look at all of our town roads and then get together with the Selectmen and especially with the Road Agent to see what the town roads need. This will be very helpful for us to know when you look at a road to see how much traffic and drainage is needed. He can then give us his expert opinion on what needs to be done and where the money needs to be spent first. There are a lot of roads in town that need to be prioritized.

There was no more discussion. **The Moderator reread the article and it passed unanimously to be included on the ballot.**

ARTICLE #17 - Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand five hundred fifty dollars (\$4,550) to purchase a dump body for the 1999 F550 Highway Department truck? The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 3.

This article was moved by Public Works Director Gordon Huckins and seconded by Police Chief Sawyer. Gordon explained the article and there was no discussion. **The Moderator reread the article and it passed unanimously to be included on the ballot.**

ARTICLE #18 - Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-one thousand dollars (\$21,000) to purchase a tractor and mower for the Highway Department? The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 3.

This article was moved by Public Works Director Gordon Huckins and seconded by Police Chief Sawyer. Gordon explained the article.

Discussion –

Wally Orvis - Asked if it was the type of mower that the previous guy had. The answer was yes.

There was no further discussion. **The Moderator reread the article and it passed unanimously to be included on the Ballot.**

ARTICLE #19 - Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000) to be provided to the New Hampton Village Cemetery Association, a private, nonprofit association, to support the maintenance and upgrading of the New Hampton Village Cemetery? The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 3.

This article was moved by Bill Roberts and seconded by Nancy Conkling. Bill explained the article. The cemetery association wanted him to bring this to the people of the town for consideration. Since the early 70's the people of the town provided \$1,000 to the cemetery association and our costs have sky rocketed since we first did this. The Directors of the Association asked the Selectmen if they could put this article on to help us out.

Discussion –

Cynthia Bruning - Asked what tasks would be covered under the operating budget for cemeteries versus the tasks under this article. Selectman Susan LeDuc said that the tasks are the same except the cemeteries covered under the operating budget are for the town owned cemeteries whereas this article is for a private cemetery. Of the \$3,000 that is in the operating budget, \$1,000 goes to the Village Cemetery Association. This article would provide them with an additional \$4,000.

Fred Smith - Clarification – none of the other cemeteries are owned by the town, they are private. Barbara Lucas said that the cemeteries that have been maintained by the town are the outlying cemeteries, some are old and some are on private property. The Heritage Commission actually has a cemetery committee that was going to send out letters to landowners to inquire as to whether those cemeteries are abandoned. If they are abandoned it becomes the Towns responsibility. There are some of the 53 that actually are on Town owned land.

Dave Clement - Asked if this should be an operating budget item. Susan said that since there was an increase this year it was a separate warrant article and if it passes it should be included in next years operating budget.

Wally Orvis - Asked if this was in the Village Precinct. Wanted to know if the precinct donated any money.

There was no further discussion. **The Moderator reread the article and it passed unanimously to be included on the ballot.**

ARTICLE #20 - Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-nine thousand dollars (\$79,000) to perform road improvements including paving Kelley Pond Road from the end of pavement by the Michael Coleman property for a distance of approximately 2050 feet to the entrance of the Kelley-Drake Conservation Land? The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 3.

This article was moved by Pat Schlesinger and seconded by Nancy Conkling. Pat explained the article and spoke in favor of the article and mentioned that this was defeated last year. This is a road that is on a very low area that has a drainpipe water table. It has considerable moisture. In the summer it is very dusty and unhealthy. Nancy Conkling wanted to know what Gordon had to say about it.

Discussion -

Gordon Huckins - Said that the Town has put a lot of money into it.

Dave Clement - Said that every dirt road in New Hampton is in this condition in the spring.

Selectman Fred Avery - In Article #16 we mentioned that we are hiring an engineer in the spring to take a look at these roads. If Kelley Pond Road is in that bad a shape, more so than other roads in town, I am sure there will be a recommendation. I would feel more comfortable with an engineer's opinion and then proceed with it.

Cynthia Bruning - Said that she noticed that the next article is a petitioned article and wondered if this article was a petitioned article. Selectman Susan LeDuc said that originally it was a petitioned article but it arrived to the Selectmen without a dollar amount. The Selectmen had to change it to a dollar amount so that is why it does not say by petition.

Ralph Kirshner - Asked how much are we spending a year to maintain that road. Gordon could not make an estimate at this time.

Pat Torsey - Asked if there is any more traffic on this road than on any other road in town.

Chief Sawyer - He has a problem keeping the gates closed.

There was no further discussion. **The Moderator reread the article and it did not pass.** The Moderator said that he needed to get an amendment because we cannot take the article off completely.

Paul Tierney - Introduced an amendment to reduce the dollar amount to zero (0.00), which was seconded by Fran Wendelboe.

After a short discussion, the Moderator asked for a vote on the amendment and it passed. **The Moderator then reread the amended article and it passed to be included on the ballot.**

ARTICLE #21 - To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000 to dragline Conservation Area Pemi Lake frontage for a town beach and \$8,000 to grade, ditch and properly waterbar the road to the beach for a total of \$20,000. This article is supported by the NH Conservation Commission. (By Petition.) The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 3. The Selectmen's vote was 1-yes to 1-no on recommending this appropriation.

This article was moved by Pat Schlesinger and seconded by Nancy Conkling. Pat explained the article. The conservation area is located at the end of Kelley Pond Road. We are hoping to get a wetland permit to dredge it out. This will not be a beach like Wellington, but it will be a perched beach. She mentioned that as a follow-up to the master plan survey, 75% wanted a town beach. Currently it costs approximately \$100 a year to get a beach sticker in Ashland and then there is Wellington State Park in Bristol for a small fee. The second, Nancy Conkling said the conservation area and lake frontage is special. The town is privileged to have this area and as we grow this will be an asset to the town.

Discussion -

Dave Clement - Wondered what the costs for maintenance and the liability would be. Pat Schlesinger said that many town beaches are posted. She said that this town has to look ahead into the future – we have to have a vision.

Fran Wendelboe - Weirs Beach was posted and something happened and the town still got sued. Shouldn't the funds that the Conservation Commission have be used to pay for improvements to this area?

Paul Tierney - Supports the idea of developing the conservation area into a town beach area and town recreation area. But, prior proper planning prevents pretty poor performance. This should be approached by not going in and doing that work but establishing that area as a recreation area and a beach. Then get a proper beach, take care of the road at the same time and take care of the questions of liability and funding for the maintenance of it.

Ralph Kirshner - A perched beach is a flat area of sand behind the existing bank without disturbing the bank. In terms of liability, we have it now because the town owns it.

Selectman Fred Avery - The 150 acres of land out there has about \$150,000 to \$175,000 worth of timber on it. Timber right now is higher than it has ever been. The demand for lumber is very high right now. I feel the more appropriate way to fund this beach is to cut a little timber and pay for the beach that way. There are also other ways. Last year \$3,000 was spent to cut brush.

Selectman Susan LeDuc - It is a part of town property we as a group own. Is in support of this article and wants to this to go on the ballot so that the voters get a chance to vote on it.

Dave Clement made a motion to move the article and Cynthia Bruning seconded it. The Moderator reread the article and the voice vote was too close to call. The ballot inspectors were called to count hands and the results were Yes – 20, No – 14. **The Moderator declared that this article passed to be included on the ballot.**

ARTICLE #22 - To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen of New Hampton to discuss/negotiate the acquisition of Jackson Pond Dam with the Town of Ashland, pending a warrant vote being taken by the Town of Ashland at their Town Meeting, March 2003, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 for purposes associated with that action. This article is supported by the NH Conservation Commission. (By Petition.) The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 3. The Selectmen to not recommend this appropriation.

This article was moved by Pat Schlesinger and seconded by Nancy Conkling. Pat introduced an amendment by adding the word *possible* before word “acquisition” and it was seconded by Ralph Kirshner. Pat then explained the article by saying that the Selectmen asked the Conservation Commission to explore this and when we came in with it they asked us to put it in a petition. The Town of Ashland came to the Selectmen and offered Jackson Pond Dam with 11 acres below it, which includes another dam for \$1.00. Jackson Pond was dammed in 1888 to be the water supply for Ashland. A few years ago Ashland went to a well system. They do not need this anymore and it is all in New Hampton. It is about a 75-acre pond and if the dam were not there it would be a 32-acre of pond. It would be similar to what Sky Pond is. It holds 210 acres of water. When it is full it’s maximum is 382 acres. We had volunteers to look at it, Fish & Game, civil engineers, and others. Ashland wants to give it to us as is and that means it comes with a letter of deficiency from the State. Some of the deficiencies are cracks in the dam and they can be fixed. This is an earthen dam and it leaks. Is it worth getting involved to fix it and we (Conservation Commission) think it is. The experts agreed. There are three options and **1)-** Do we want to take it as is and fix it, or **2)-** Ashland could turn around and sell it to someone and it will have to be fixed, and if New Hampton wants it she hopes that the town demands that it be fixed, or **3)-** It can be removed – which will cost plenty of money and there are programs with the State for dam removal. If the dam is removed the pond will eventually revert to its original 32-acre pond. The stream will gradually find its original path, the land that will be left to dry will eventually become forest again. The Town already owns 3 acres.

Discussion –

Nancy Conkling - Asked how many houses were on the other side of the bridge and the answer was 3. She supported the article and said that we need to consider maintaining the road to the other houses.

???????????? - Asked what kind of liability does the Town have. Pat said if the dam fails there is an emergency action plan in place. There is added liability and there is a dam fee that is paid every year for inspection. The maintenance is only making sure that the shrubs don’t grow on the earthen dam.

Dave Clement - Said there is a lot more to owning a dam. It is a lot of responsibility for the town and who is going to do that. If it is emergency management than he needs to be informed.

Fran Wendelboe - Years ago there was a financial arrangement with Ashland to the town and wanted to know what it was now. Barbara Lucas answered that they pay about \$600 in lieu of taxes a year.

Fred Smith - Clarifying that this article is only for discussion.

John Conkling - Mentioned that it is a beautiful pond and wondered why the Selectmen aren't in favor of talking about it.

Selectman Susan LeDuc – Said that she felt that they did not need a warrant article to engage in a conversation with Ashland. We have the authority to talk with any towns. The Selectmen also would want to know what the responsibility and repair costs for the dam would be. We have no idea what they will be. We would have to come back to the voters to propose the costs anyway and it didn't seem that it was required to put this article in the warrant. The town would have to find out how much it would cost to repair the dam, acquisition costs, title work, survey work and all of the costs to transfer. None of that could happen anyway until the next town meeting in 2004. We did receive on January 23 a copy of the Ashland's warrant article to convey this property to New Hampton for \$1.00 by quitclaim deed in "as is" condition with no warranty. We do not know if Ashland can do this until it passes their voters. We felt that this article was premature at this time. Once it passes the Ashland voters then we can talk about it.

At this time, the Moderator addressed the amendment on the floor. **The Moderator re-read the amendment and it passed unanimously.**

Discussion -

Wally Orvis - Mentioned that this was a high hazard dam. Pat answered by saying it was a class "B" dam.

Jack Bruning - Asked why does Ashland want to get rid of it and the answer was because they do not use it for a water source anymore.

Cynthia Bruning - ????? – The Moderator responded by saying that Ashland is under orders to repair or breach the dam. They either vote to pay to repair the dam, which is no longer a value to them and also it is not in their town.

Selectman Fred Avery said that we do have a plan from Ashland. If the dam did break there are several houses that would be affected.

There was no further discussion. **The Moderator reread the amended article and it passed to be included on the ballot.**

ARTICLE #23 - Shall the Town adopt provisions of RSA 32:14-24 to establish a five (5) member-at-large Municipal Budget Committee and authorize the Town Moderator, in accordance with RSA 669:17, to appoint the initial members to serve until the next annual meeting at which time the members shall be elected by official ballot. (By Petition.)

This article was moved by Fran Wendelboe and seconded by Clay Mazur. Fran said that many towns have budget committees. It is just one more set of eyes analyzing the budget and making recommendations. It is also a number of checkpoints that they can't go over a certain percentage without going back to the voters and it makes sense. It is a good thing.

Discussion –

Clay Mazur - Asked why do the Moderator and not the Selectmen make the appointments. Will the appointments be staggered? The Moderator answered by saying that RSA 32:15 says that there are five members-at-large and an additional 2 members. One of those members is appointed by the governing body of the municipality and one member of each village district. The remaining five would be voted. Yes, they will be staggered and will be elected by regular town meeting. The Moderator would have to make appointments within 30 days after the annual meeting.

Ralph Kirshner - Wanted to know if the Selectmen recommend this article and do we need it. Selectman Susan LeDuc said the reason there is no recommendation is because there is no money. Also one of the reasons you have to have someone from the village district is because this committee would also have to oversee the village district budget. It would be both the town and village precinct because that is the way the statute reads.

Fred Avery - He is not in support of the article and the reason is that the Selectmen have been doing it for over 200 years now and if the voters don't like the way the Selectmen have been doing it then vote them out. I think the smaller you can keep a government the better. The Selectmen can participate more with the department heads and the individual needs on a personal basis. The committee is going to be looking at the figures and facts mostly.

Nancy Conkling - Agreed with Fred.

Clay Mazur - Asked how warrant articles make it to the warrant and if that will still happen with a budget committee. Response was that they will still be on the warrant like it is now, but have different recommendations.

Chip Sawyer - ????????

Pat Torsey - ????????

Fran Wendelboe - Many towns are happy with the budget committee process. Although we rely on our Selectmen, this year is a perfect example in that we only have two Selectmen right now and there is a chance that we will have 3 brand new people and it might not be a bad idea to have a budget committee through the process.

David Clement - All through the budget process that we have now there are opportunities for the public to be involved and there is no one there. We have public budget meetings all the time in the Selectmen's office and no one attends. Selectman Fred Avery said that at the budget hearing we had a month ago only 3 people showed up besides department heads.

Fred Smith - Said that he is one of the 3 commissioners from the Village Precinct. He spoke against the article, as this would remove the commissioners from the Village Precinct from control of the budget. It would involve the Village Precinct and the Selectmen on difficult issues that I don't think that they would like to take on.

Chip Sawyer - ????????? – The Moderator responded by saying that the RSA says that he needs to appoint people for 1, 2 & 3 years at the start. He has concerns finding 5 people to fill these positions, as there are many vacant positions in different organizations in town now.

Ralph Kirshner - Stated that he has seen many budget committees in a variety of other towns. Sometimes they work and in other cases they do not because politics gets in the way.

A motion was made to move the question and it was seconded. The Moderator reread the article and it was defeated. Ralph made a motion to introduce an amendment that reads: **“Shall the Town study the provisions of RSA 32:14-24 to establish a five (5) Member-at-large Municipal Budget Committee and authorize the Town Moderator, in accordance with RSA 669:17, to appoint the initial members to serve until the next annual meeting at which time the members shall be elected by official ballot.”** It passed unanimously. The Moderator then read the amended article half way through when another amendment was introduced to replace the one that was just passed. Selectman Susan LeDuc made a motion to replace the previous amendment, which reads: **“Shall the Town study the provisions of RSA 32:14-24 to establish a five (5) member-at-large Municipal Budget Committee.”** This was seconded by Selectman Fred Avery. The amendment passed. **The Moderator then reread the amended article and it passed to be included on the ballot.**

ARTICLE #24 - To see if the town will vote to send the following resolution to the New Hampshire General Court: **Resolved, in its first two years of operation, the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) has helped communities throughout New Hampshire preserve their natural, cultural, and historic resources and, therefore, the State of New Hampshire should maintain funding for LCHIP in its next biennial budget.**

This article was moved by Fred Smith and seconded by Nancy Conkling. Fred explained the article. There was no discussion. **The Moderator reread the article and it passed unanimously to be included on the ballot.**

ARTICLE #25 - To see if the Town wishes to amend the existing agreement under Section 218 of the Social Security Act by excluding the services performed by election workers for a calendar year in which the remuneration paid for such service is less than \$1,200. The \$1,200 limit on the excludable amount of remuneration paid in a calendar year for the services specified in this modification will be subject to adjustment for calendar years after 2002 to reflect changes in wages in the economy without any further modification of the agreement, with respect to such services performed during such calendar years, in accordance with Section 218 (c)(8)(B) of the Social Security Act.

This article was moved by Selectman Susan LeDuc and seconded by Police Chief Sawyer. Susan explained the article by saying that this is a housekeeping article. There was no further discussion. **The Moderator then reread the article and it passed unanimously to be included on the ballot.**

ARTICLE #26 - Shall the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell to the Newfound Area School District for one dollar (\$1.00), a tax dedeed substandard non-buildable lot consisting of 0.225 acres (9,780 square feet), located along Birch Way, Tax Map U-5, Lot 5, abutting the New Hampton Community School?

This article was moved by Selectman Susan LeDuc and seconded by Selectman Fred Avery. Susan explained the article by saying that this land is less than ¼ of an acre, the school will not take down the trees; they need this land for the total square footage in order to do the expansion.

Discussion -

Pat Schlesinger - She thought that this piece of land was given as a memorial to the town.

There was no further discussion. **The Moderator then reread the article and it passed unanimously to be included on the ballot.**

ARTICLE #27 - To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

There was no further discussion. The Moderator then adjourned the meeting at 11:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia M. Hallberg
New Hampton Town Clerk

MARCH 11, 2003

Ballot Inspectors present were Patricia Torsey, Sherman Moulton and Dana Torsey.

Article #1:

-Write-ins-

Selectman – 2 years:

-Write-ins-

Selectman – 1 year:

-Write-ins-

30

Town Treasurer – 1 year:

	Mary A. Butcher	-	361
-Write-ins-			
1 vote -	Kelly Guyotte		
1 vote -	David Piper		
1 vote -	Jane B. Smith		

Trustee of Trust Funds – 3 years:

	Michel S. LeDuc Jr.	-	369
-Write-ins-			
1 vote -	David Piper		
1 vote -	Peter Shepard		

Sarah MacGregor Scholarship Fund – 3 years:

	Jackie Prince	-	346
-Write-ins-			
2 votes -	Pam Vose		
1 vote -	Pam Schofield		
1 vote -	Peter Shepard		
1 vote -	Virginia Shepard		
1 vote -	Patricia Torsey		

Warrant Article #2
Yes – 264 No – 141

Warrant Article #3
Yes – 280 No – 139

Warrant Article #4
Yes – 310 No – 117

Warrant Article #5
Yes – 303 No – 124

Warrant Article #6
Yes – 365 No – 66

Warrant Article #7
Yes – 327 No – 98

Warrant Article #8
Yes – 270 No – 142

Warrant Article #9
Yes – 370 No – 53

Warrant Article #10
Yes – 259 No – 158

Warrant Article #11
Yes – 237 No – 184

Warrant Article #12
Yes – 287 No – 128

Warrant Article #13
Yes – 277 No – 141

Warrant Article #14
Yes – 340 No – 79

Warrant Article #15
Yes – 355 No – 59

Warrant Article #16
Yes – 305 No – 113

Warrant Article #17
Yes – 259 No – 153

Warrant Article #18
Yes – 207 No – 202

Warrant Article #19
Yes – 282 No – 136

Warrant Article #20
Yes – 205 No – 179

Warrant Article #21
Yes – 175 No – 241

Warrant Article #22
Yes – 175 No – 234

Warrant Article #23
Yes – 194 No – 208

Warrant Article #24
Yes – 280 No – 123

Warrant Article #25
Yes – 247 No – 139

Warrant Article #26
Yes – 341 No – 69

The results of the Newfound Area School District is as follows:

Article #1:

For School Board:

Hebron -

Mary Campbell -

289

-Write-ins-

1 vote -

Derry Riddle

Groton -

Michelle Fisher -

286

-Write-ins-

1 vote -

Peter Bailey

Danbury -

Jon Johnson -

284

-Write-ins-

1 vote -

James Famer

1 vote -

Philip King

For School District Moderator -

Edward M. (Ned) Gordon - 350

-Write-ins-

1 vote -

Jon Johnson

For Budget Committee -

Hebron - (Write-ins)

1 vote -

Bruce Barnard

1 vote -

Mary Campbell

1 vote -

Jan Fisher

1 vote -

Jennifer Kent

1 vote -

John Matthews

1 vote -

Derry Riddle

1 vote -

Steve Tewksberry

Groton - (Write-ins)

1 vote -

Peter Bailey

1 vote -

Michele Escobar

1 vote -

Alan Esty

1 vote -

Michelle Fisher

1 vote -

J. Joyce

1 vote -

Harley Putnam

Danbury - (Write-ins)

1 vote -

Jason Farmer

1 vote -

Ned Gordon

1 vote -

Christine Graly

1 vote -

Jon Johnson

1 vote -

Philip King

1 vote -

Brian McKay

1 vote -

Audrey Pellegrino

1 vote -

Andrew Phelps

1 vote -

Jim Phelps

Newfound Area School District – “Continued”:

Warrant Article #2

Yes – 298 No – 120

Warrant Article #3

Yes – 302 No – 101

Warrant Article #4

Yes – 280 No – 131

Warrant Article #5

Yes – 274 No – 125

Warrant Article #6

Yes – 272 No – 133

There were 422 regular ballots and 21 absentee ballots cast. A total of 443 voters out of 1159 registered voters in Town votes. This averages out to be 38%.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia M. Hallberg
New Hampton Town Clerk

**NEW HAMPTON APPROPRIATIONS APPROVED AT THE SECOND SESSION OF THE
ANNUAL MEETING MARCH 11, 2003**

<u>Article #</u>	<u>Amount to be raised by Taxes</u>	<u>Amount NOT to be raised by Taxes</u>
1	\$ 0.00 ****	\$ 0.00
2	0.00 ****	0.00
3	1,539,955.02	0.00
4	0.00	160,000.00
5	30,000.00	0.00
6	0.00	27,000.00
7	150,000.00	0.00
8	20,000.00	0.00
9	2,000.00	0.00
10	25,555.00	0.00
11	4,029.00	0.00
12	5,800.00	0.00
13	45,000.00	180,000.00
14	20,000.00	0.00
15	5,000.00	0.00
16	15,000.00	65,000.00
17	4,550.00	0.00
18	21,000.00	0.00
19	4,000.00	0.00
20	0.00****	0.00
21	0.00**	0.00
22	0.00**	0.00
23	0.00**	0.00
24	0.00****	0.00
25	0.00****	0.00
26	0.00****	0.00
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	\$ 1,891,889.02	\$ 432,000.00

****No Monies Appropriated****

Article Failed

**TOWN OF NEW HAMPTON
TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

2004

To the inhabitants of the Town of New Hampton, New Hampshire, in the County of Belknap, qualified to vote in town affairs:

FIRST SESSION

You are hereby notified to meet at the New Hampton Community School for the First Session of the 2004 Town Meeting to be held at the New Hampton Community School, 191 Main Street, New Hampton on Tuesday, the 3rd day of February next at 7:00 p.m. The First Session will consist of explanation, discussion and debate of the warrant articles which are attached, and will afford those voters who are present the opportunity to propose, debate and adopt amendments to the warrant articles.

SECOND SESSION

You are also notified to meet for the Second Session of the 2004 Town Meeting, to vote by official ballot on the election of town officers, zoning amendments, and the warrant articles as they may have been amended at the First Session, to be held at the Town House, Town House Road, New Hampton on Tuesday, the 9th day of March next. Polls for voting by official ballot at the Town House will open at 11:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m. unless the town votes to keep the polls open to a later hour.

TOWN OF NEW HAMPTON

The State of New Hampshire

2004 TOWN WARRANT

- 1.) Vote by official ballot on the election of Town Officers:
 - 1 Selectman for 3 years
 - 1 Town Clerk/Tax Collector for 3 years
 - 1 Treasurer for 1 year
 - 1 Moderator for 2 years
 - 1 Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years
 - 1 Sarah Dow MacGregor Scholarship Fund for 3 years
 - 1 Supervisor of the Checklist for 6 years

- 2.) Are you in favor of the adoption of an amendment to the New Hampton Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the planning board, as follows:

Add Article V, Section L (and renumber other Articles if required) entitled LIGHTING ORDINANCE, to regulate the installation of outdoor lighting by establishing regulations which limit the area that certain outdoor lighting luminaires can illuminate?

- 3.) Are you in favor of changing the term of the town treasurer from one year to 3 years, beginning with the term of the town treasurer to be elected at next year's regular town meeting?

- 4.) Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling one million six hundred twenty-five thousand eight hundred twenty dollars and ninety-five cents (\$1,625,820.95)? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be one million five hundred thirty-nine thousand nine hundred fifty-five dollars and two cents (\$1,539,955.02), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action by the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

- 5.) Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to place in the New Town Building(s) Construction and Land Purchase Fund, a Capital Reserve Fund established in 1999 for the purchase of land and construction of one or more Town buildings? The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 4. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

- 6.) Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-two thousand dollars (\$32,000) for preliminary planning and design of future municipal building(s), recreational fields, trails and for other public needs of the community on the 97 acres +/- of town property, located off Fire House Lane, Tax Map U-2, Lot 3? The amount of this appropriation and the balance of the 2003 non-lapsing appropriation of \$28,000 shall be used for this purpose. The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 4.
- 7.) Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for engineering services and other related costs in pursuit of the State and Federal permits for the replacement or repair of the Central Street Bridge and authorize the withdrawal of same from the Central Street Bridge Capital Reserve Fund Established in 2000 for that purpose, with no amount to be raised from taxation? (This project has a total estimated cost of \$40,000 with 50% being funded by the Town of Bristol.) This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until December 31, 2005. The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 4. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.
- 8.) Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) for the purchase and installation of new real estate assessment software for the Town Office? The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 4.
- 9.) Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500) to repair or restore the window sashes on the Old Town House? This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until December 31, 2006. The amount of this appropriation and the balance of the 2003 non-lapsing appropriation of \$12,500 shall be used for this purpose. The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 4. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.
- 10.) Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand eight hundred dollars (\$1,800) for the cost of upgrading and installing a phone system, donated to the town by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, for the Town Office and Police Department? The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 4.
- 11.) Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be placed in the Town Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund established in 1997? The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 4. The Selectmen's vote was 2-yes to 1-no on recommending this appropriation.

12.) Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand dollars (\$6,000) to be placed in the Town Vehicle Repair Fund, an expendable general fund trust created by Town vote in 1997 under RSA 31:19-a for the purpose of making major emergency repairs to town vehicles? The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 4. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

13.) Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand eight hundred and seventy-five dollars (\$25,875) to purchase and equip a 4-wheel drive Police vehicle? The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 4.

14.) Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand two hundred and fifty dollars (\$3,250) for the purchase of additional computer software for the Police Department? The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 4.

15.) Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) to purchase two computers to upgrade existing workstations in the Police Department? This article is not included in the operating budget under Article 4.

16.) Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000), for additional costs related to the new fire truck (The new fire truck was approved by voters in 2003 with an appropriation of \$225,000) and authorize the withdrawal of \$20,000 from the Fire Department Special Revenue Fund, with no amount to be raised from taxation? The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 4. The Selectmen's vote was 2-yes to 1-no on recommending this appropriation.

17.) Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for the purchase of equipment for the 2004 International fire truck for the Fire Department, to be reimbursed to the town by a State and/or Federal Grant, with no amount to be raised from taxation? The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 4.

18.) Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand dollars (\$6,000) for the purchase of 9" extrication cutters for the Fire Department, to be reimbursed to the town by a State and/or Federal Grant, with no amount to be raised from taxation? The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 4.

19.) Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of seven thousand dollars (\$7,000) to purchase a foam proportioner for the Fire Department? The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 4.

20.) Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000) to reconstruct and resurface paved town roads? The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 4.

21.) Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of fifty-two thousand six hundred fifty-nine dollars (\$52,659) to purchase a new fully equipped F550 dump truck with plow for the Highway Department? The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 4.

22.) Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the Highway Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund? The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 4. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

23.) Shall the Town establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of a Highway Department Building and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be placed in said Fund for the construction of storage buildings for salt and sand for the Highway Department? The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 4. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

24.) Shall the Town authorize the creation of a School Facilities Study Committee for the purpose of investigating school facility options, pros/cons and costs to the Town of New Hampton and to appropriate up to \$2000 for the production of the findings of said Study Committee (a written report to be prepared and delivered to the Selectmen by 11/30/04) and any necessary legal advice (if necessary, Counsel to be engaged by the Selectmen)? This Committee will be comprised of nine (9) members (to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen) as follows:

- One (1) representative of the Newfound Area School District administration,
- One (1) representative of the Newfound Area School District School Board,
- One (1) representative of the New Hampton Community School,
- One (1) representative of the New Hampton Board of Selectmen (or designate),
- One (1) representative of the New Hampton School,
- Two (2) New Hampton residents with children attending school in the Newfound Area School District,
- Two (2) New Hampton residents at-large.

(By Petition). The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 4. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

25.) Shall we modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the town of New Hampton, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$35,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$45,000; for a person 80 years of age or older \$125,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$30,000 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$40,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$75,000 (excluding the value of the person's residence)."

26.) Shall the Town authorize the Selectmen to award a contract through a formal bid process for a selective cut of timber on the Town owned property on Straits Road, 100 acres, identified on Tax Map R-5, Lot 10A? The revenue proceeds shall be placed in the General Fund to offset taxes.

27.) To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 22th day of January, in the year of our Lord two thousand and four.

Peter L. Gulick
Thomas R. Smith
Bernard Fred Avery

SELECTMEN OF NEW HAMPTON

Budget

Town of New Hampton

PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATION (RSA 32:4)	Appropriations 2003	Expenditures 2003	Appropriations 2004
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:			
Executive	154,300.34	138,593.50	167,296.94
Election, Registration & Vital	39,238.25	36,968.11	54,102.02
Financial Administration	38,673.20	36,818.35	42,846.97
Data Processing	22,225.00	18,439.72	17,700.00
Revaluation of Property	17,647.50	18,262.92	21,418.00
Legal Expense	15,000.00	12,435.81	15,000.00
Planning Board	4,125.00	3,066.33	7,025.00
Zoning Board of Adjustment	1,360.00	2,366.26	1,760.00
General Government Buildings	8,725.00	7,979.61	8,425.00
Cemeteries	3,000.00	2,620.00	7,000.00
Insurance	43,000.00	39,130.18	44,000.00
Regional Associations	32,890.86	32,890.86	33,650.79
PUBLIC SAFETY:			
Police Department	395,933.04	385,122.26	424,055.08
Fire Department	85,936.00	85,042.29	93,110.50
Emergency Medical Services	14,626.50	15,081.46	11,059.00
Emergency Management	14,442.00	15,515.37	14,442.00
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS:			
Highways & Streets	471,786.14	390,195.00	481,273.84
Street Lighting	1,600.00	772.34	1,200.00
SANITATION:			
Town Landfill	15,353.00	8,394.05	15,353.00
Solid Waste Transf. Station	134,006.98	126,063.34	138,816.60
HEALTH:			
Health Department	833.56	578.25	833.56
ANIMAL CONTROL:			
Humane Society	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,700.00
WELFARE:			
General Assistance	10,677.65	6,765.41	10,677.65
CULTURE & RECREATION:			
Recreation Department	350.00	0.00	350.00
Patriotic Purposes	500.00	375.61	500.00
Old Home Day	3,000.00	1,656.05	3,000.00
Heritage Commission	1,000.00	550.00	1,000.00
CONSERVATION:			
Conservation Commission	1,225.00	1,108.16	1,225.00
DEBT SERVICE:			
Interest - Tax Anticipation Notes	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
SUBTOTAL:	1,539,955.02	1,390,291.24	1,625,820.95

WARRANT ARTICLES:

Town Land Capital Reserve Fund	160,000.00	160,000.00	50,000.00
Town Land Planning & Design	30,000.00	30,000.00	32,000.00
Town Assessment Software	0.00	0.00	12,000.00
Town Building Telephone System	0.00	0.00	1,800.00
Town House Repair & Restoratn	27,000.00	27,000.00	7,500.00
Central Street Bridge Cap. Res	150,000.00	150,000.00	0.00
Central Street Bridge Engineering	0.00	0.00	20,000.00
Town Revaluation Cap. Res.	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
Town Vehicle Maint. Exp. Trust	2,000.00	2,000.00	6,000.00
PD Police Cruiser	25,555.00	25,403.95	25,875.00
PD Lap Top Computer	4,029.00	4,029.00	0.00
PD Portable Radios	5,800.00	5,006.00	0.00
PD Software	0.00	0.00	3,250.00
PD Computer Workstations	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
FD Fire Truck	225,000.00	225,000.00	20,000.00
FD Breathing Apparatus	20,000.00	19,925.11	0.00
FD Defibrillator	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
FD Equipment for Fire Truck	0.00	0.00	10,000.00
FD Extrication Cutters	0.00	0.00	6,000.00
FD Foam Proportioner	0.00	0.00	7,000.00
Hwy Resurfacing Town Roads	80,000.00	80,000.00	80,000.00
Hwy F550 Truck Dump Body	4,550.00	4,550.00	0.00
Hwy Tractor & Mower	21,000.00	20,500.00	0.00
Hwy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	0.00	0.00	10,000.00
Hwy Building Capital Reserve Fund	0.00	0.00	20,000.00
Hwy F550 Dump Truck	0.00	0.00	52,659.00
Cemetery Assoc. BY REQUEST	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00
School Study Committee BY REQUEST	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
SUBTOTAL:	783,934.00	782,414.06	388,084.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	2,323,889.02	2,172,705.30	2,013,904.95

	REVENUE	ACTUAL REVENUE	ESTIMATED
	2003	2003	REVENUE
			2004
SOURCES OF REVENUE			
TAXES:			
Land Use Change Taxes	\$8,000.00	\$5,712.00	\$8,000.00
Yield Taxes	50,000.00	49,186.00	30,000.00
Gravel Yield Taxes	2,400.00	2,412.00	2,000.00
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	500.00	493.00	500.00
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	32,000.00	33,064.00	30,000.00
LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES:			
Business Licenses & Permits	1,000.00	940.00	1,000.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	310,000.00	334,404.00	320,000.00
Building Permits	1,000.00	1,190.00	1,000.00
Other Licenses, Permits, Fees	3,000.00	4,107.00	3,000.00
FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT:			
Federal Entitlement Lands	0.00		0.00
Police Hiring Grant	10,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES-			
Shared Revenue-Block Grant	69,003.00	77,983.00	79,500.00
Highway Block Grant	84,314.00	84,314.00	84,328.00
State Bridge Aid	0.00	0.00	16,000.00
Reimb. a/c State-Federal			
Forest Land	448.00	448.00	400.00
Reimb. a/c Flood Control	13,400.00	13,400.00	13,400.00
Other - forest fires, grants..	10,000.00	10,881.00	50,000.00
CHARGES FOR SERVICES:			
Income from Departments	20,300.00	31,372.00	27,700.00
Rent of Town Property	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Charges	0.00	0.00	0.00
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES:			
Sale of Municipal Property	180.00	180.00	500.00
Interest on Investments	8,000.00	7,924.00	7,500.00
Other -Ins. Dividends & Claims	12,000.00	18,224.00	11,000.00
-Insurance Reimb.	0.00	0.00	0.00
-Misc.	3,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES:			
Withdrawals from Capital	0.00	4.00	20,000.00
Reserves			
Withdrawals from General	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fund Trusts			
Withdrawals from Special	180,000.00	180,000.00	20,000.00
Revenue Funds			
Voted from Surplus	252,000.00	252,000.00	0.00
Fund Balance("Surplus")	150,000.00	150,000.00	150,000.00
TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS	\$1,220,545.00	\$1,283,238.00	\$905,828.00

Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures

TITLE OF APPROPRIATION	Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2003				2004	
	Appropriations	Receipts & Refund	Expenditures	Balance/Overdraft	Appropriations	Appropriations
TOWN CHARGES:						
Executive	154,300.34	(a)	1,359.38	17,066.22	167,296.94	167,296.94
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	39,238.25		36,968.11	2,270.14	54,102.02	54,102.02
Financial Administration	38,673.20		36,818.35	1,854.85	42,846.97	42,846.97
Data Processing	22,225.00		18,439.72	3,785.28	17,700.00	17,700.00
Revaluation of Property	17,647.50		18,262.92	(615.42)	21,418.00	21,418.00
Legal Expense	15,000.00		12,435.81	2,564.19	15,000.00	15,000.00
Planning Board	4,125.00	(b)	3,048.41	4,107.08	7,025.00	7,025.00
Zoning Board of Adjustment	1,360.00	(c)	1,713.72	707.46	1,760.00	1,760.00
General Government Buildings	8,725.00		7,979.61	745.39	8,425.00	8,425.00
Cemeteries	3,000.00		2,620.00	380.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
Insurance	43,000.00	(d)	12,608.15	16,477.97	44,000.00	44,000.00
Regional Associations	32,890.86		32,890.86	-	33,650.79	33,650.79
Street Lighting	1,600.00		772.34	827.66	1,200.00	1,200.00
Town Landfill	15,353.00		8,394.05	6,958.95	15,353.00	15,353.00
Health Department	833.56		578.25	255.31	833.56	833.56
Humane Society	3,500.00		3,500.00	-	3,700.00	3,700.00
Welfare	10,677.65	(e)	650.98	4,563.22	10,677.65	10,677.65
Recreation Department	350.00		-	350.00	350.00	350.00
Patriotic Purposes	500.00		375.61	124.39	500.00	500.00
Old Home Day	3,000.00	(f)	15.00	1,358.95	3,000.00	3,000.00
Heritage Commission	1,000.00		550.00	450.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Conservation Commission	1,225.00		1,108.16	116.84	1,225.00	1,225.00
Debt Service	5,000.00		-	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
TOTAL TOWN CHARGES	423,224.36	19,395.64	373,271.52	69,348.48	463,063.93	463,063.93
OTHER TOWN DEPARTMENTS:						
Highway Department	471,786.14	(g)	775.00	82,366.14	481,273.84	481,273.84
Solid Waste Transfer Station	134,006.98	(h)	16,755.46	24,699.10	138,816.60	138,816.60
Police Department	395,933.04	(i)	6,299.50	385,122.26	424,055.08	424,055.08
Fire Department	85,936.00	(j)	525.00	85,042.29	93,110.50	93,110.50
Emergency Medical Services	14,626.50	(k)	43,417.77	15,081.46	11,059.00	11,059.00
Emergency Management	14,442.00		-	(1,073.37)	14,442.00	14,442.00
TOTAL OTHER TOWN DEPARTMENTS	1,116,730.66	67,772.73	1,017,019.72	167,483.67	1,162,757.02	1,162,757.02
SUBTOTALS:	1,539,955.02		1,390,291.24		1,625,820.95	1,625,820.95

WARRANT ARTICLES:

Town Land & Building Capital Reserve	160,000.00		160,000.00	-	50,000.00
Town Land & Building Planning	30,000.00		30,000.00	-	32,000.00
Town House Repair & Restoration	27,000.00		27,000.00	-	7,500.00
Central Street Bridge Capital Reserve	150,000.00		150,000.00	-	-
Central Street Bridge Engineering	-		-	-	20,000.00
Town Revaluation Capital Reserve	20,000.00		20,000.00	-	20,000.00
Real Estate Assessment Software	-		-	-	12,000.00
Upgrade & Install Phone System	-		-	-	1,800.00
Town Vehicle Maintenance Exp. Trust	2,000.00		2,000.00	-	6,000.00
Highway Equipment Capital Reserve	-		-	-	10,000.00
Highway Building Capital Reserve	-		-	-	20,000.00
Police Cruiser	25,555.00		25,403.95	151.05	25,875.00
PD Lap Top Computer	4,029.00		4,029.00	-	-
PD Portable Radios	5,800.00		5,006.00	794.00	-
PD Computer Software	-		-	-	3,250.00
PD Workstation Computers	-		-	-	2,000.00
FD Fire Truck	225,000.00		225,000.00	-	20,000.00
FD Breathing Apparatus	20,000.00		19,925.11	74.89	-
FD Defibrillator	5,000.00		5,000.00	-	-
Fire Truck Equipment	-		-	-	10,000.00
9" Extrication Cutters	-		-	-	6,000.00
Foam Proportioner	-		-	-	7,000.00
Hwy Resurfacing Town Roads	80,000.00		80,000.00	-	80,000.00
Hwy F550 Truck Dump Body	4,550.00		4,550.00	-	-
Hwy Tractor & Mower	21,000.00		20,500.00	500.00	-
Hwy F550 Dump Truck w/plow	-		-	-	52,659.00
Village Cemetery Association	4,000.00		4,000.00	-	-
School Facilities Study Committee	-		-	-	2,000.00
WARRANT ARTICLES TOTAL:	783,934.00		782,414.06	1,519.94	388,084.00
TOTAL ALL APPROPRIATIONS:	2,323,889.02		2,172,705.30		2,013,904.95

(a) Regulations, copies, bldg. permits	(e) Welfare Reimbursement	(i) Police Details, fees & fines.
(b) Application fees and regulations	(f) Old Home Day	(j) Fire Dept. Reports & Reimb.
(c) Application fees	(g) Driveway Permits	(k) Special Revenue Fund
(d) Insurance Dividends & refunds	(h) Recycling Income & fees	

Statement of Appropriations and Taxes Assessed

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES

APPROPRIATIONS:

Executive	154,300
Election, Registration & Vital Records	39,238
Financial Administration	38,673
Data Processing	22,225
Revaluation of Property	17,648
Legal Expense	15,000
Planning Board	4,125
Zoning Board of Adjustment	1,360
General Government Buildings	8,725
Cemeteries	3,000
Insurance	43,000
Regional Associations	32,891
Police Department	395,933
Fire Department	85,936
Emergency Medical Services	14,627
Emergency Management	14,442
Highways & Streets	471,786
Street Lighting	1,600
Town Landfill	15,353
Solid Waste Transfer Station	134,007
Health Department	833
Animal Control	3,500
Welfare	10,678
Recreation Department	350
Patriotic Purposes	3,500
Heritage Commission	1,000
Conservation Commission	1,225
Interest - Tax Anticipation Notes	5,000
Town Facilities Capital Reserve	160,000
Town Facilities Planning & Design	30,000
Hwy F550 Dump Truck Body	4,550
Resurfacing Town Roads	80,000
Hwy Tractor & Mower	21,000
PD Computers	4,029
PD Police Cruiser	25,555
PD Portable Radios	5,800
Town House Repairs	27,000
Fire Truck	225,000
FD Breathing Apparatus	20,000
FD DeFibrillator	5,000
Town Vehicle Maint. Repair Fund	2,000
Town Revaluation Capital Reserve	20,000
Cemetery Association	4,000
Central Street Bridge Capital Reserve	150,000

SUBTOTAL:	2,323,889
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LESS ESTIMATED REVENUES & CREDITS:

Land Use Change Taxes	8,000
Yield Taxes	50,000
Gravel Yield Taxes	2,400
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	500
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	32,000
Business Licenses & Permits	1,000
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	310,000
Building Permits	1,000
Other Licenses, Permits, Fees...	3,000
Federal Entitlement Lands	0
Federal Police Officer Grant	10,000
Shared Revenue - Block Grant	69,003
Highway Block Grant	84,314
Reimb. a/c State-Federal Forest Land	448
Reimb. a/c Flood Control	13,400
Other - forest fires, grants...	10,000
Income from Departments	20,300
Other Charges	0
Sale of Municipal Property	180
Interest on Investments	8,000
Other - Insurance Dividends & Claims	15,000
Special Revenue Fund	180,000
Capital Reserve Funds	0
Voted from Fund Balance	252,000
Unreserved Fund Balance -Reduce Taxes	150,000
TOTAL REVENUES:	1,220,545

Total Town Appropriations	2,323,889
Less Revenues and Credits	<u>1,220,545</u>
Net Town Appropriations	1,103,344
School Appropriations	2,042,275
County Appropriations	266,270
State Education Appropriations	<u>645,257</u>

Total of Town, School, County and State	4,057,146
Less Shared Revenues and Credits	(8,980)
Less Adequate Education Grant	<u>(732,413)</u>
Net	3,315,753

Add: War Service Credits	16,490
Overlay	<u>15,152</u>
Property Taxes to be Raised	3,347,395
Less: War Service Credits	<u>(16,490)</u>
Tax Commitment	3,330,905

TAX RATES:	Town	6.30	
	School	7.32	
	State	3.78	
	County	<u>1.48</u>	
TOTAL TAX RATE:	\$	18.88	per One Thousand Dollars of Valuation

PROOF OF RATE

	Assessed Value	Tax Rate	
State Education Tax (no utilities)	170,904,672	3.78	645,257
All Other Taxes	178,898,984	15.10	2,702,138
			3,347,395

Financial Report

ASSETS:

Cash:

In custody of Treasurer	\$ 1,337,758.48
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Capital Reserve Funds:

Highway Equipment	1,668.77	
Flood Control	13,696.29	
Conservation Easements	9,786.93	
Fire Department Equipment	1,473.31	
Town Revaluation	64,909.05	
Town Building and Land	345,430.11	
Central Street Bridge	305,175.15	
Total Capital Reserve Funds		742,139.61

Expendable Trust Funds:

Town Building Maintenance	8,256.62	
Town Building Planning & Design Fund	1,915.60	
Town Vehicle Repair Fund	19,048.48	
Gravestone Maintenance Fund	5,287.48	
Federal/State Surplus Fund	5,117.59	
Total Expendable Trust Funds		39,625.77

Due Town from Trustees of Trust Funds	4,386.28	
Due Town from State of NH	82,237.58	
Due Town from Federal Government	25,000.00	
Due Town from Special Revenue Fund	82,009.00	
Petty Cash Accounts	500.00	
NSF Check	-	
		194,132.86

Unredeemed Taxes:

Levy of 2002	58,948.11	
Levy of 2001	36,684.79	
Levy of 2000	-	
Total Unredeemed Taxes		95,632.90

Uncollected Taxes:

Levy of 2003	373,831.96	
In Lieu of Taxes	492.77	
Current Use Penalty	2,927.50	
Yield Taxes	6,576.99	
Gravel Taxes	48.92	
Total of Uncollected		383,878.14

Disabled Tax Liens:

Levy of 2002	889.33	
Levy of 2001	915.42	
Levy of 2000	1,034.89	
Levy of 1999	1,127.85	
Levy of 1998	984.14	
Levy of 1997	930.93	
Levy of 1996	1,000.00	
Levy of 1995	852.37	
Levy of 1994	1,125.00	
Levy of 1993	1,099.63	
Levy of 1992	1,067.57	
Levy of 1991	709.00	
Total of Disabled Liens		11,736.13

Allowance for Uncollected	(2,000.00)
Allowance for Disabled Liens	(11,736.13)

TOTAL	2,791,167.76
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Fund Balance - December 31, 2002	831,191.30
Fund Balance - December 31, 2003	653,923.27
Reserved Fund Balance - 12/31/2003	167,509.00
Change in Financial Condition	
Increase in Fund Balance	(9,759.03)

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town:

Unexpended Special Appropriations:

Conservation Commission Fund	13,142.26
School District Payable	1,056,797.00
Due Acct Payable	3,985.17

Total Accounts Owed by the Town	1,073,924.43
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Insurance Withholding	(60.38)
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Due to Conservation Commission from Town	1,774.85
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Capital Reserve Funds:

Highway Equipment	1,668.77	
Flood Control	13,696.29	
Conservation Easements	9,786.93	
Fire Department Equipment	1,473.31	
Town Revaluation	64,909.05	
Town Building and Land	345,430.11	
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Town Building Planning & Design	1,915.60	
Town Vehicle Repair	19,048.48	
Gravestone Maintenance Fund	5,287.48	
Federal/State Surplus Fund	5,117.59	
		39,625.77

Special Revenue Fund

Fire Department Equipment	112,331.21	
		112,331.21

TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,969,735.49
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Fund Balance - Current Surplus	653,923.27
Fund Balance - Reserved Surplus	167,509.00

2,791,167.76

Statement of Receipts

LOCAL TAXES 2001:

Property Taxes	2,957,946.41	
In Lieu of Taxes	-	
Yield Taxes	42,609.28	
Current Use Penalty	4,559.07	
Earth Excav. Yield Tax	2,363.56	
Overpayments	10,652.87	
Interest on Taxes	3,721.96	
Fees for - NSF	45.00	
Miscellaneous	36.00	
		3,021,934.15

LOCAL TAXES - PREVIOUS YEARS:

Property Taxes	211,631.33	
In Lieu of Taxes	582.82	
Current Use Penalty	-	
Yield Taxes	4,762.67	
Interest and Costs on Taxes	29,341.82	
Tax Sales Redeemed	72,854.52	
		319,173.16

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE:

State - Shared Revenue	18,315.00	
Highway Block Grant Aid	84,313.51	
Reimb.State & Fed. Forest Lands	447.52	
Reimb a/c Flood Control	13,400.23	
Other - forest fires, grants....	10,410.87	
		126,887.13

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT:

Federal Entitlement Lands	-	
Officer Reimbursement Grant		13,461.52

LOCAL SOURCES EXCEPT TAXES:

TOWN CLERK:		
Auto Fees	334,404.00	
Dog Licenses	4,267.00	
Vital Statistics	496.00	
UCC fees	940.00	
Marriage Fees	810.00	
Boat Registrations	681.97	
Miscellaneous Fees	57.68	
NSF Fees	55.00	
Overpayments	-	
		341,711.65

OTHER:

Building Permits	1,190.00	
Selectmen's Office Sales & Rec.	1,359.38	
Planning Board fees & Copies	3,048.41	
Zoning Board fees	1,713.72	

Police Dept. Report Copies	689.50	
Police Dept. Miscellaneous	310.00	
Police Dept. Special Details	4,830.00	
Police Dept. District Court Fines	375.00	
Police Dept. Ordinance Fines	95.00	
Fire Dept. Report Copies	525.00	
Fire Dept. Reimb.for Forest Fires	-	
Ambulance Reports	-	
Highway Dept. Driveway Permits	775.00	
Highway Dept. Miscellaneous	-	
Recreation Miscellaneous	155.83	
Welfare Reimbursement	650.98	
Old Home Day Sales	15.00	
Sale of Recyclables	4,272.81	
Tires, Refrigerators, C& D, etc.	12,482.65	
Other Charges	350.00	
 Sale of Town Property	180.00	
Rental of Town Property	-	
Interest on Investments	7,923.80	
Insurance Refunds & Reimb.	12,608.15	
Insurance Contributions	-	
Aflac	50.63	
Miscellaneous	5,615.76	
Redeposit check	-	
		59,216.62
 CAPITAL RESERVES:	4.20	4.20
 SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	97,991.00	97,991.00
 EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS:		
Municipal Facilities Design & Plan		-
Town Vehicle Repair		6,182.78
 TOTAL RECEIPTS		3,986,562.21
 Balance January 1, 2003		1,412,665.31
 GRAND TOTAL		5,399,227.52

Statement of Payments

EXECUTIVE

Salaries	7,902.45	
Wages	80,782.50	
Longevity Pay	500.00	
Employee Health Insurance	11,107.68	
Employee Other Insurance	1,918.41	
Social Security	5,529.54	
Medicare	1,293.21	
NH Retirement	3,223.63	
Auditing Services	4,275.00	
Telephone	3,093.93	
Stenographer Services	4,342.50	
Copier Maintenance & Supplies	2,903.84	
Professional Services	1,357.00	
Printing & Advertising	3,017.31	
Town Newsletter	-	
Dues, Subscriptions & Conferences	2,059.51	
Registry Fees	97.37	
Office Supplies	2,421.29	
Postage	2,627.08	
Miscellaneous	141.25	
		138,593.50

TOWN CLERK

Salary	17,698.75	
Part-time Wages	5,613.25	
Longevity Pay	250.00	
Employee Health Insurance	2,056.98	
Employee Other Insurance	415.20	
Social Security	1,461.08	
Medicare	341.71	
NH Retirement	905.86	
Telephone	569.16	
Printing & Advertising	215.00	
Dues, Subscriptions & Conferences	1,030.00	
Office Supplies	2,167.80	
Postage	1,002.15	
Miscellaneous	-	
		33,726.94

ELECTION

Ballot Clerks Wages	184.25	
Moderator & Supervisors	346.50	
Advertising & Printing	2,395.49	
Office Supplies	314.93	
		3,241.17

TAX COLLECTION

Salary	5,562.00	
Part-time Hourly Wages	17,698.75	
Longevity Pay	250.00	
Employee Health Insurance	2,056.98	
Employee Other Insurance	415.20	
Social Security	1,457.54	
Medicare	340.89	
NH Retirement	905.87	
Telephone	569.20	
Contract Services	-	
Dues, Subscriptions & Conference	462.00	
Registry Fees	298.00	
Office Supplies	355.61	
Postage	2,180.46	
		32,552.50

TREASURER & TRUSTEES

Salary	2,250.00	
Social Security	139.50	
Medicare	32.63	
Bank Fees	1,843.72	
Registry Fees	-	
		4,265.85

DATA PROCESSING

Network Support	8,125.52	
Software Upgrades	3,045.00	
Supplies	904.20	
Maintenance & Repair	610.00	
Hardware	5,755.00	
		18,439.72

REVALUATION OF PROPERTY

Part-time Wages	15,881.25	
Social Security	984.65	
Medicare	230.27	
Contract Services	1,166.75	
		18,262.92

LEGAL EXPENSE

Legal Services	12,435.81	
		12,435.81

PLANNING BOARD

Contract Services	-	
Stenographer Services	1,130.00	
Printing & Advertising	772.88	
Dues, Subscriptions & Conferences	63.00	
Registry Fees	293.50	
Office Supplies	52.47	
Postage	728.48	
Miscellaneous	26.00	
		3,066.33

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Stenographer Services	605.00	
Advertising	1,174.50	
Dues, Subscriptions & Conferences	24.50	
Office Supplies	37.50	
Postage	524.76	
		2,366.26

GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS

Custodial Services	1,250.00	
Electricity	3,508.94	
Water & Sewer	837.90	
Repairs & Maintenance	1,827.38	
Supplies	246.97	
Furniture & Equipment	308.42	
		7,979.61

CEMETERIES

Cemetery Contract Services	1,620.00	
Cemetery Association Fee	1,000.00	
		2,620.00

INSURANCE

Unemployment Compensation	223.94	
Workers Compensation	14,329.00	
Property & Liability	24,577.24	
		39,130.18

REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Newfound Area Nursing Association	10,779.00
Bristol Community Center	9,330.00
Lakes Region Planning Commission	1,729.00
Youth Services Bureau	3,284.86
Lakes Region Community Service	300.00
New Beginnings	600.00
Community Action Program	6,518.00
New Hampton Historical Society	350.00

32,890.86

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Full-time Wages	199,967.14
Part-time Wages	41,809.40
Overtime	12,883.47
Call Time	7,657.42
Special Duty	3,187.50
Longevity	750.00
Employees Health Insurance	52,932.91
Employees Other Insurance	7,648.99
Social Security	2,571.37
Medicare	3,860.80
NH Retirement	14,887.32
Training	4,051.00
Management Services	-
Telephone/Cellphone	3,638.54
Medical Services	30.00
Photo Lab	228.26
Custodial Services	1,185.00
Support/Professional Services	2,543.24
Heat/Propane	1,647.86
Building Repair & Maintenance	421.84
Dues, Subscriptions, & Conferences	586.12
General Supplies & Equipment	5,540.57
Office Supplies	1,233.25
Postage	205.20
Equipment Maintenance & Repairs	302.95
Vehicle Fuel	6,477.70
Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	4,721.77
Books & Periodicals	304.20
Departmental Uniforms	3,785.59
Miscellaneous	62.85

385,122.26

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Salaries	13,000.00
Part-time Wages	9,327.20
Part-time Wages - Weekend Shifts	25,275.00
Wages - Mechanic	1,006.30
Social Security	3,013.87
Medicare	705.02
NH Retirement System	-
Training	2,096.00
Telephone & Cellphone	2,391.54
Immunizations & Physicals	-
Contract Services	1,581.21
Electricity	2,366.61
Heating Fuel	1,719.12
Water & Sewer	110.00
Building Maintenance & Repair	2,734.82
Dues, Subscriptions & Conferences	695.00
Supplies	1,956.63
Postage	115.71
Equipment Maintenance & Repair	1,254.83
Vehicle Fuel	1,858.20
Vehicle Maintenance & Repairs	2,405.98
Equipment	11,364.50
Departmental Supplies	27.50
Miscellaneous	37.25

85,042.29

AMBULANCE

Part-time Wages	7,224.45
Social Security	447.91
Medicare	104.75
Training	940.00
Professional Services	3,325.25
Dues, Subscriptions, & Conferences	75.00
Equipment Maint. & Repair	-
Vehicle Maintenance & Repair	-
Departmental Supplies	2,523.33
Equipment	440.77

15,081.46

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Salary	12,500.00
Social Security	775.00
Medicare	181.26
Telephone, Cellphone & Pagers	2,059.11
Departmental Supplies	-

15,515.37

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Full-time Wages	128,915.11	
Part-time Wages	6,337.75	
Overtime	14,139.46	
Longevity Pay	-	
Employee Health Insurance	30,443.28	
Employee Other Insurance	4,389.03	
Social Security	9,262.28	
Medicare	2,166.27	
NH Retirement System	6,782.03	
Telephone, Cellphone & Pagers	1,359.27	
Medical Services	1,128.61	
Contract Services	27,376.00	
Electricity	2,523.53	
Heating Fuel	91.96	
Building Maintenance & Repair	1,035.49	
Equipment Rental	-	
Dues, Subscriptions & Conferences	132.12	
Equipment Maintenance & Repair	8,564.64	
Vehicle Fuel, Oil & Grease	12,703.12	
Sand, Cold Patch & Gravel	19,237.87	
Winter Sand & Salt	30,243.85	
Vehicle Maintenance & Repair	16,266.77	
Department Equipment & Supplies	10,520.42	
Miscellaneous	-	
Highway Block Grant	56,576.14	
		390,195.00

STREET LIGHTING

Street Lighting	772.34	
		772.34

SOLID WASTE TRANSFER STATION

Full-time Wages	10,138.76	
Part-time Wages	18,342.52	
Social Security	1,765.86	
Medicare	413.03	
NH Retirement	653.22	
Contract Services	3,405.50	
Hauling Services	19,154.70	
Landfill Tipping Fees	68,856.65	
Electricity	1,268.19	
Equipment Rental	54.40	
Dues, Subscriptions & Conference	365.00	
Equipment Maintenance & Repairs	65.05	
Department Supplies	1,455.46	
Miscellaneous	125.00	
		126,063.34

LANDFILL

Hourly Wages	-	
Social Security	-	
Medicare	-	
Engineering Services	7,586.93	
Electricity	157.99	
Maintenance & Repair	649.13	
		8,394.05

HEALTH

Salary	500.00	
Part-time Wages	-	
Social Security	31.00	
Medicare	7.25	
Dues, Subscriptions & Conferences	40.00	
Miscellaneous	-	
		578.25

ANIMAL CONTROL

NH Humane Society	3,500.00	
		3,500.00

WELFARE

Part-time Wages	340.00	
Social Security	21.09	
Medicare	4.94	
Medical	1,296.67	
Electricity	732.27	
Heating Fuel/Propane	1,124.43	
Rent Expenses	3,095.00	
Dues, Subscriptions & Conferences	90.00	
Vehicle Fuel	-	
Food Vouchers	59.12	
Miscellaneous	1.89	
		6,765.41

PARKS AND RECREATION

Contract Services	-	
Program Supplies	-	
		-

PATRIOTIC PURPOSES

Veterans Flags & Memorial	375.61	
Old Home Day Contract Services	1,238.00	
Old Home Day Supplies	418.05	
Old Home Day Miscellaneous	-	
		2,031.66

HERITAGE COMMISSION

Contract Services	500.00	
Dues, Subscriptions, & Conferences	50.00	
		550.00

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Contract Services	146.00	
Dues, Subscriptions & Conferences	576.50	
Stenographer Services	175.00	
General Supplies	-	
Office Supplies	182.98	
Postage	27.68	
Registry Fees	-	
		1,108.16

WARRANT ARTICLES

Town Facilities Capital Reserve	160,000.00	
Town Facilities Preliminary Design	2,000.00	
Hwy F550 Dump Body	4,550.00	
Resurfacing Roads	80,000.00	
Hwy Tractor & Mower	20,500.00	
PD Computer	4,029.00	
PD Cruiser	25,403.95	
PD Portable Radios	5,006.00	
Fire Truck	97,991.00	
Town Vehicle Maintenance Fund	2,000.00	
Town Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund	20,000.00	
FD Breathing Apparatus	19,925.11	
FD Defibrillator	5,000.00	
Town House Repair & Restoration	14,500.00	
Village Cemetery Association	4,000.00	
Central Street Bridge Capital Reserve	150,000.00	
		614,905.06

DISCOUNTS (115.47)**TAXES PAID TO THE COUNTY**

Belknap County Tax	266,270.00	
		266,270.00

TAXES PAID TO SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newfound School District	1,801,235.00	
		1,801,235.00

OTHER EXPENDITURES

Overpayments	10,652.87	
Abatements & Refunds	4,357.55	
Tax Lien 2002	79,743.08	
Disabled Tax Liens	-	
25% Current Use Fee to Cons. Comm	-	
		94,753.50

NON-LAPSE FUND PAYMENTS

Landfill Ownership	757.06	
Central Street Bridge Engineering	8,512.38	
Landfill Remediation	2,437.30	
		11,706.74

EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND PAYMENTS

Municipal Facilities Design Fund	1,008.16	
State & Federal Surplus	2,500.00	
Vehicle Maintenance & Repair Fund	6,182.78	
		9,690.94

INDEBTEDNESS PAYMENTS

Tax Anticipation Notes	-	-
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PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENT DIVISIONS

State Treasurer (Marriage & Vital Fees)	1,112.00	
Animal Population Fee	1,036.00	
		2,148.00

OTHER

AFLAC		42.67
COBRA Insurance		
Accounts Payable		(3,985.17)

TOTAL PAYMENTS

4,186,942.51

BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2003

1,212,285.01

GRAND TOTAL

5,399,227.52

Trustees of Trust Funds

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF NEW HAMPTON FOR 2003										
DATE	TRUST NAME	HOW INVESTED	PURPOSE	PRINCIPAL			INCOME			TOTAL PRINCIPAL & INCOME
				BEGINNING BALANCE	NEW FUNDS	GAIN/LOSS	PAID OUT	ENDING BALANCE	PAID OUT	
03/01/44	Cemetery Funds									
02/19/51	David H Smith	MMKT, TNotes, Bonds, Stocks	Perp Care	1,126.65		(34.33)		1,092.32		6,230.73
04/02/52	John M Flanders	MMKT, TNotes, Bonds, Stocks	Perp Care	876.00		(20.60)		855.40		2,958.69
03/07/72	Ephlin Memorial	MMKT, TNotes, Bonds, Stocks	Perp Care	1,808.92		(55.12)		1,753.80	(70.00)	3,470.57
03/17/79	Elisha Smith	MMKT, TNotes, Bonds, Stocks	Perp Care	225.33		(6.87)		218.46		2,036.71
	Frank P. Morrill	MMKT, TNotes, Bonds, Stocks	Perp Care	2,253.34		(68.66)		2,184.68		6,085.06
	Cemetery Total			6,090.24	0.00	(185.57)	0.00	5,904.67	(70.00)	20,781.76
04/21/58	Scholarship Funds									
03/13/84	Sarah Dow MacGregor	MMKT, TNotes, Bonds, Stocks	Ed NH Girls	186,956.58		(5,696.58)		181,260.00	(6,000.00)	185,244.11
	NH Women's Club	MMKT, TNotes, Bonds, Stocks	Ed NH Girls	6,769.32		(208.26)		6,561.06	(300.00)	6,774.75
	Scholarship Total			193,725.90	0.00	(5,902.84)	0.00	187,823.06	(6,300.00)	192,018.87
	Trust Fund Total			199,816.14	0.00	(6,088.41)	0.00	193,727.73	(6,370.00)	212,800.63

EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND ACTIVITY FOR THE TOWN OF NEW HAMPTON FOR 2003								
ACCOUNT PURPOSE	HOW INVESTED	BEGINNING BALANCE	ADDED	PAID	GAIN/LOSS	INCOME	INC FEES	ENDING BALANCE
34002752 TOWN VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	GOVT II MMKT	23,021.22	2,000.00	(6,182.78)		228.31	(18.27)	19,048.48
34003307 GRAVE STONE MAINTENANCE	GOVT II MMKT	5,239.47				52.19	(4.18)	5,287.48
34003308 TOWN BUILDING & PLANNING	GOVT II MMKT	1,895.65				21.87	(1.72)	1,915.80
34003309 TOWN BUILDING MAINTENANCE	GOVT II MMKT	8,180.93				82.28	(6.59)	8,256.62
70003754 FED & STATE SURPLUS	GOVT II MMKT	5,070.68				50.99	(4.08)	5,117.59
TOTAL		43,407.95	2,076.14	(6,258.92)	0.00	435.44	(34.84)	39,625.77

CAPITAL RESERVES ACTIVITY FOR THE TOWN OF NEW HAMPTON FOR 2003								
ACCOUNT PURPOSE	HOW INVESTED	BEGINNING BALANCE	ADDED	PAID	GAIN/LOSS	INCOME	INC FEES	ENDING BALANCE
34002885 FIRE DEPT EQUIPMENT	GOVT II MMKT	1,458.29				15.02	INVOICE	1,473.31
34002886 TOWN REVALUATION FUND	GOVT II MMKT	44,468.91	20,000.00			440.14	INVOICE	64,909.05
34002809 CONSERVATION	GOVT II MMKT	9,688.95				97.98	INVOICE	9,786.93
34002810 FLOOD CONTROL	GOVT II MMKT	13,559.81				136.48	INVOICE	13,696.29
34002811 HIGHWAY DEPT	GOVT II MMKT	1,645.19				23.58	INVOICE	1,668.77
34002812 WATER DEPT	GOVT II MMKT	84,943.75				856.93	INVOICE	85,800.68
34002813 ELECTRIC DEPT	GOVT II MMKT	179,526.32	30,000.00			1,887.77	INVOICE	211,414.09
34003282 NEW HAMPTON BUILDING AND LAN	GOVT II MMKT	183,550.88	160,000.00			1,879.43	INVOICE	345,430.11
34003548 CENTRAL STREET BRIDGE	GOVT II MMKT	153,667.10	150,000.00			1,508.05	INVOICE	305,175.15
TOTAL		872,509.00	380,000.00	0.00	0.00	6,845.38		1,039,354.38

Respectfully submitted:

Michel S. LeDuc Jr.
Michel S. LeDuc Jr., Trustee

T. Holmes Moore
T. Holmes Moore, Trustee

Pamela Cabel Whiting
Pamela Cabel Whiting, Trustee

Summary Inventory of Valuation

Land	71,911,849	
Buildings	99,386,123	
Electric Utilities	7,994,312	
		179,292,284
Blind Exemptions	30,000	
Elderly Exemptions	205,000	
Physically Handicapped	8,300	
School Dining Room, Dorms, etc.	150,000	
		393,300
NET VALUATION		178,898,984

Schedule of Town Property as of December 31, 2003

Description:		
Town Office, Town House, Land, Buildings	\$	336,250.00
Furniture and Equipment	\$	49,660.00
Police Department Equipment	\$	31,500.00
Fire Dept., Land & Buildings	\$	219,550.00
Fire Department Equipment	\$	360,525.00
Highway Department, Land & Bldgs	\$	289,700.00
Highway Dept. Equipment	\$	382,090.00
Transfer Station Buildings	\$	53,850.00
Transfer Station Equipment	\$	52,139.00
Future Town Facilities Land (Treitman Lot)	\$	175,000
Kelley-Drake Farm Land & Island	\$	847,850
Jenness Spring Land	\$	28,000
Smoke Rise Land	\$	238,100.00
Village Common	\$	15,000.00
Huckleberry Road Land	\$	4,600
Land & Buildings from Tax Deeds:	\$	510,400.00
Map No. R-18-14 Jackson Pond		
Map No. R-6-5 Chase Road		
Map No. R-19-32 Winona Road		
Map No. R-13-9 Old Bristol Road		
Map No. R-5-10A Off Straits Road		
Map No. R-9-21 Off Straits Road		
Map No. U-7-1 Route 104		
Map No. R-8-1, 1S & 1R, 1U, 1V, 18, & 18A & B		
Winona Heights		
Map No. R-5-13 Off Route 104		
Map No. R-6-16A Straits Road		
	\$	3,594,214.00

Tax Collector's Report

For The Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2003

Levy of 2003

	<u>Warrant</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Abated</u>	<u>Uncollected</u>
Property Taxes	\$3,331,878.37	\$ (2,957,946.41)	\$ (100.00)	\$ 373,831.96
In Lieu of Taxes	\$ 492.77	\$ -		\$ 492.77
Yield Taxes	\$ 49,186.27	\$ (42,609.28)		\$ 6,576.99
Current Use Penalty	\$ 7,486.57	\$ (4,559.07)		\$ 2,927.50
Gravel Tax	\$ 2,412.48	\$ (2,363.56)		\$ 48.92
Overpayments	\$ 10,652.87	\$ (10,652.87)		\$ -
Interest Collected	\$ 3,721.96	\$ (3,721.96)		\$ -
Fees for - NSF	\$ 45.00	\$ (45.00)		\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ 36.00	\$ (36.00)		\$ -
TOTALS	\$3,405,912.29	\$ (3,021,934.15)	\$ (100.00)	\$ 383,878.14

Levy of 2002

	<u>Uncollected Jan. 1, 2003</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Abated</u>	<u>Uncollected</u>
Property Taxes	\$ 211,631.33	\$ (211,631.33)	\$ -	\$ -
In Lieu of Taxes	\$ 582.82	\$ (582.82)		\$ -
Yield Taxes	\$ 4,762.67	\$ (4,762.67)		\$ -
Interest & Costs	\$ 13,655.04	\$ (13,655.04)	\$ -	\$ -
TOTALS	\$ 230,631.86	\$ (230,631.86)	\$ -	\$ -

I hereby certify that the above is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

CYNTHIA M. HALLBERG
Tax Collector

Summary of Tax Lien Accounts Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2003

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	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes - Beginning of Fiscal Year		\$ 63,026.61		\$ 703.45
Taxes Executed/Liened to Town During Fiscal Year	\$ 79,743.08		\$ 25,074.97	
Interest Collected After Lien Execution	<u>\$ 1,751.98</u>	<u>\$ 5,153.21</u>	<u>\$ 8,202.45</u>	<u>\$ 579.14</u>
TOTAL DEBITS	<u><u>\$ 81,495.06</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 68,179.82</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 33,277.42</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,282.59</u></u>

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Remittances to Treasurer During Year:				
Interest & Costs After Lien Deeded To Town	\$ 20,794.97	\$ 26,341.82	\$ 25,014.28	\$ 703.45
Abatements During Year	\$ 1,751.98	\$ 5,153.21	\$ 8,202.45	\$ 579.14
Unredeemed Taxes At End of Year		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	<u>\$ 58,948.11</u>	<u>\$ 36,684.79</u>	<u>\$ 60.69</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
TOTAL CREDITS	<u><u>\$ 81,495.06</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 68,179.82</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 33,277.42</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,282.59</u></u>

I hereby certify that the above is correct to the best of my
knowledge and belief.

CYNTHIA M. HALLBERG
Tax Collector

Town Clerk's Report
Year Ended December 31, 2003

AUTO FEES	\$	334,404.00
DOG LICENSES	\$	4,267.00
VITAL STATISTICS	\$	496.00
FILE UCC'S	\$	940.00
MARRIAGE FEES	\$	810.00
BOAT REGISTRATIONS	\$	681.97
MISCELLANEOUS	\$	57.68
NSF FEES	\$	55.00
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TOTALS	\$	<u>341,711.65</u>

I hereby certify that the above return is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

CYNTHIA M. HALLBERG
New Hampton Town Clerk

Town Treasurer's Report

Receipts on Hand	
January 1, 2003	\$ 1,412,665.31
Receipts for Year 2003	<u>\$ 3,986,562.21</u>
Total Receipts	\$ 5,399,227.52
Paid Selectmen's Orders	<u>\$ 4,186,942.51</u>
Balance in Treasury	
December 31, 2003	\$ 1,212,285.01

Selectmen's Certificate

This is to certify that the information in this report was taken from the official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Peter L. Gulick
Thomas R. Smith
B. Fred Avery
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Financial Record Audit

Vachon, Clukay & Co., PC (Certified Public Accountants) has audited the financial statements for the Town of New Hampton. Audits have been performed on the financial records beginning January 1, 1996 through December 31, 2002. The audit for the year-end December 31, 2003, will begin shortly. The complete report will be available at the Selectmen's Office for public review.

New Hampton Police Department

Last year, as in years past, the Police Department worked conscientiously to maintain its commitment to being proactive within the community. We are constantly looking above and beyond the general services rendered by the department and searching for, or creating programs that will promote and enhance the safety, security and the relationship between the community and the police department.

With this commitment in mind, we developed a program, of which I am very proud. The program came from within the ranks of the department. It stemmed from a passing comment, which was built on and has subsequently been implemented. Although it has no formal or flashy name, this program has a New Hampton Police Officer adopt a grade at the New Hampton Community School. Each officer will periodically go into his adopted classroom and read stories and interact with the students in the classroom as well as at play. We hope this interaction will have a positive impact by increasing the comfort and familiarity between the officers, children and parents, as well as the teachers and staff.

For the fourth consecutive year, the New Hampton Police Department has continued its program to make our children aware about the use of drugs and alcohol. During the summer, Officer W. Scott Phinney attended and graduated from the D.A.R.E. Instructors Program through D.A.R.E. America. Officer Phinney will begin teaching this program in the Community School in January.

As always, in an effort to enhance their knowledge and performance, many of our officers participated in various schools and training sessions through out the year. Officers Phinney and McIntosh attended and graduated from the Police Academy. Sgt. Huckins completed the Command Training Institute at the New England Institute of Law Enforcement Management. When Officer Shepard's tour of duty with the Air Force was extended, we hired Sherry Vestal to fill the temporary position, and she also graduated from the Police Academy in June. Officers Muzzey and McIntosh both completed Breath Test Operator School; in addition Officer McIntosh became an oleoresin capsicum (pepper spray) instructor.

Above and beyond all the aforementioned activities, the department experienced a somewhat busier year than before. We logged over eighty-six thousand (86,000) miles on our cruisers, saw crimes against persons and property go down, but our general calls for service go up.

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Police Departments of Ashland, Bristol, Holderness, Sanbornton and Meredith, as well as New Hampshire State Police – Troops D & E, the Belknap County Sheriff's Department, and the Attorney General's Drug Task Force, for their continued support and assistance.

Remember, if you see anything that is out of place or doesn't belong, Call the Police. Or if you have any information regarding a crime and want to remain anonymous, you can call the Greater Laconia Crime Line at 524-1717.

Respectfully submitted,

Nathaniel H. Sawyer, Jr.
Chief of Police

2003 Police Department Activity

CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS

Criminal Threatening	5
Harassment	7
Robbery	1
Simple Assault	5
Kidnapping/False Imprisonment	1

CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY

Burglary	6
Criminal Mischief	15
Criminal Trespass	7
Drug/Narcotic Violations	7
Issuing Bad Checks	9
Theft	27

OTHER ACTIVITY

911 Hang Up/Abandoned Calls	40
Abandoned Vehicle	11
Alarm - Business & Residential	98
Animal Complaint	87
Assist Other Agencies	259
Assist Motorists	102
Assist - Miscellaneous	80
Bail Jumping	5
Civil Matter	39
Disturbance	38
Dog - Unlicensed	80
House Check Requests	34
Juvenile Offenses	3
Missing Person	8
Motor Vehicle Complaint	139
Police Information	151
Property - Lost/Found/Recovered	16
Suspicious Activity	51
Untimely Death	3
V.I.N. Verification	25
Well Being Checks	20
Miscellaneous Criminal Reports	112

MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

Fatal Accidents	0
Personal Injury Accidents	19
Property Damage Accidents	65

MOTOR VEHICLE CONTACTS

Parking Tickets Issued	26
Summonses Issued	379
Warnings Issued	1672

ARRESTS

Assault	6
Breach of Bail Conditions	2
Conspiracy	1
Controlled Drug Act	4
Disobey Police Officer	2
Disorderly Conduct	1
Driving After Suspension	12
Driving While Intoxicated	8
Driving While Intoxicated - 2nd	2
Driving While Intoxicated - Agg.	3
False Info to Secure Firearm	2
Habitual Offender	1
Harassment	1
Hindering Apprehension	1
Issue Bad Checks	4
Other Jurisdiction Arrests	4
Protective Custody	7
Resisting Arrest	1
Robbery	1
Theft	6
Unlawful Possession of Alcohol	2
Violation Protective Order	1

Police Department Drug Forfeiture Fund

Fund Balance January 1, 2003

Franklin Savings Bank – Passbook \$ 379.79

\$ 379.79

Receipts:

Interest:	\$ 1.63
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\$ 1.63

Fund Balance December 31, 2003

TOTAL **\$ 381.42**

New Hampton Fire Department

The year 2003 was an extremely busy year with 455 calls for service. This challenge was met with pride and professionalism by a growing department of 37 responders. Our numbers have grown, along with our abilities and training. Several of our personnel have taken opportunities to improve themselves by completing courses throughout the year. We now have 16 EMS responders with 5 paramedics. Each year we become a better department through the selfless acts of our members attending training on their own time.

The new fire engine is in New Hampshire at Valley Transportation being built. It is expected to be delivered sometime in March. You will see a warrant article for an additional 20,000 dollars to cover some unforeseen cost changes and an option for a foam system that would double in cost if we were to try and do it at a later time. We have sufficient funds in the fire equipment Special Revenue Fund to cover this. In addition we are asking for approval for several other pieces of equipment that are in need of replacement. For each of these, we are going to try for grant money from several sources and hope that we are more successful with this than we have been.

I would like to thank the department as a whole for their continued efforts and support throughout the year. We are becoming a very busy department and without the sacrifices of the men and women of this department, the cost to the town would be astronomical. The Town of New Hampton has always benefited from the generosity of the members of this department, and for that I am eternally grateful. Through the feedback I receive from those we have helped, I believe that they too are appreciative of the effort put forth to do all that can be done assist anyone in their time of need.

Please remember to check your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. Take the time to practice emergency procedures with your entire household. Let's make 2004 a fire-safe year for us all.

Respectfully,

David A. Clement
Fire Chief
Town of New Hampton

Fire Department Equipment Fund

Fund Balance January 1, 2003

Franklin Savings Bank –Passbook \$ 12,987.36
NH Public Deposit Investment Pool \$152,589.56

\$165,576.92

Receipts:

Interest \$ 1,327.52
Ambulance Service Payments \$43,417.77

\$ 44,745.29

Expenditures:

Fire Truck Appropriation \$97,991.00

Fund Balance December 31, 2003

Franklin Savings Bank – Passbook \$ 5,405.13
NH Public Deposit Investment Pool \$106,926.08

TOTAL \$112,331.21

Public Works Department

2003 has found our department working with a new crew. In January, I came back to fill the Public Works Director's position. Over the last year we've lost several members of the department. A couple of members I would like to recognize, for one, Lucian Schofield, Jr., whom we greatly miss. He was a hard worker (a real workhorse) and was very conscientious. I would also like to mention Clarence Boynton, who worked at our Transfer Station for 4 years -- also a hard worker and dedicated to doing his job for the town. He passed away this last June.

Harry Cote continues to be the foreman and much more. He is loyal, dedicated and carries so much experience with him. Phil Defosses supervises the Transfer Station and works at the Highway Department part time. He is known by many residents for his happy demeanor and helpfulness. Mike Collins came to us last fall. He is a fast learner and in a short period of time has made himself a valuable member of our team. Mike is a proud new father of a baby boy born February 7th. The most recent addition to our team is Eric Baker. He comes with a mountain of experience and is doing excellent work for the Town. At the Transfer Station, Arnold Boynton works faithfully every week inside the Recycling Building. And, of course, there is Gene Wallace, who volunteers his time, week after week. I just want to say thank you to all members of the crew for the support they have given me and for their dedication and hard work in serving the community.

In 2003 the Highway Department finished several road building and resurfacing projects. First, we resurfaced Sinclair Hill Road up to Pinnacle Hill Road and along this road to the Meredith Town line. On Winona Heights Drive we ground up and resurfaced the entrance to the Heights. In this same area, we shimmed the top and paved another 2" over the top for a finish coat. On Victor Huckins Road we shimmed the road surface and put a top coating on it. On sections of Straits Road we ground and resurfaced the steep paved sections of the road.

I hope you will support our department by approving two warrant articles that will appear on the Town Ballot in March. Warrant Article 21 would raise money to purchase a new Highway truck to replace a 1997 model, which is currently in poor condition and has cost the Town a lot of money in repairs over the past 2 years. The other warrant article I am requesting you approve is Article 23. This article would raise money to be placed in a Capital Reserve Fund toward the future expense of constructing a building for storing salt and sand. In the near future, New Hampton will be required by EPA standards to cover and contain sand and salt piles because of the high risk of contamination to our groundwater. I ask you to support these two articles, as I believe they are well justified and needed.

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon Huckins
Public Works Director

Planning Board

During calendar year 2003, the Planning Board has approved 7 site plan review applications, and 6 subdivision applications involving a total of 16 new lots. The Board also reviewed and approved 1 boundary line adjustment. Fees collected in 2003 totaled \$3,048.41.

The Planning Board has continued to look at a number of long-range issues this year. They include:

- The development of a light ordinance designed to allow safe lighting while avoiding light pollution of our night skies and obnoxious glare across property lines. The Board encourages the review of this proposed ordinance and hope that it will be approved by voters at Town Meeting in March.
- Continued work on the development of a voluntary transferable development rights mechanism, which could reduce the bias of our current land use rules toward sprawl, and diffuse development. In exchange for protection of open space and working landscapes, such as managed forestlands and agricultural lands, developers would be allowed greater density in our commercial zone and possibly in a new “mixed use” zone. The issue is a complex one, and the Board has decided to continue its work on the details for yet another year. We will continue to hold public meetings on the various aspects of this effort during the coming year and the public is encouraged to participate.
- Completion of an updated Master Plan. A lot of hard work has been expended by many people, and The Board wishes to thank all that participated. It is the Boards desire to begin a rotating schedule of reviewing one chapter of the Master Plan each year. We believe this is a better approach than doing the entire job every five years. Everyone is encouraged to participate in this effort.

At the request of the New Hampton business community, the Board plans to look into updating its site plan review rules during 2004. One of the goals is to develop written criteria that set forth the distinctions between projects that require a major review, those that require only a minor review focusing on fire and safety issues, and those which are exempt from review by law. This will be a complex project, in part because similar efforts of this scope have not been attempted by other New Hampshire towns. The Board is hoping to obtain assistance from the Lakes Region Planning Commission to facilitate the process.

The Planning Board meets on the third Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM at the New Hampton Town Office. We invite anyone who wishes to become a part of the process to attend and/or to participate on one of our subcommittees. New Hampton depends on the efforts of people like you to help guide the future of our community.

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth N. Kettenring, Chair

Zoning Board of Adjustment

The ZBA had another fairly quiet year in 2003, with 13 hearings and 1 re-hearing. Two of these involved changing one non-conforming business to another non-conforming business. Most of the other requests for special exceptions were to create apartments within existing homes or to build in-law apartments. Request for in-law apartments seem to be increasing dramatically, probably due to the tight housing market. It is felt by the ZBA that this is an issue the planning board should probably take a look at in future zoning revisions. The board also voted to increase the application fee to \$125 with additional costs for notification of abutters, in order to cover the higher costs of newspaper notices and certified mail.

In each and every hearing, board members do their utmost to understand the reasons and concerns behind the applications. In most cases, site visits are undertaken to look for "truth on the ground." All of this takes time. I would like to thank every member of the board for his/her community spirit and willingness to participate. These citizen volunteers put in many hours, always making their best effort to enforce the zoning ordinance as passed and supported by the Town's citizens.

And, as always, a huge thanks goes to Barbara Lucas for her help in keeping us all informed and organized. We have come to rely on her knowledge and assistance.

The Zoning Board meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM at the New Hampton Town Office. You are encouraged and welcome to attend at any time.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Erler
Chair

Town Facilities Planning and Development Committee

Overview: This has been a very exciting and productive year for this Committee. We won the Plan NH charrette grant - New Hampton was one of 3 grant winners out of 18 applicants. We successfully held the Plan NH charrette in August, digested the results of the charrette and our own research and planning to date, prepared a "Request For Proposals For Preparation Of Roads And Infrastructure Plans For A New Town Municipal Complex & Community Common," received and reviewed the proposals, interviewed 5 teams, and selected the team we determined is best suited for this project (and it turns out that team had the lowest cost proposal for professional services, too)!

History: By way of background, the Committee was formed by the Selectmen in September, 2002, and is the third committee of residents that has worked on different phases to bring a solution to our overcrowded and substandard Town Facilities. The first committee determined the space and components needs for the town facilities and reviewed the facilities of other towns. The second committee reviewed several possible property sites in detail to ultimately make a recommendation to purchase the Treitman Trust property. This 97.7 acre parcel located behind the current Fire Station was purchased by the Town in May, 2002. The current Committee's mission is to recommend to the Board of Selectmen a plan for developing needed town facilities on the Treitman Trust property.

Plan NH Grant and Charrette: In preparation for the planning and development phase of the project, the Town of New Hampton applied for and won a Plan NH grant (approximate value: \$30,000). We had a weekend "charrette" on August 22 & 23, 2003, of planning professionals who came to New Hampton to listen to public input and to study our situation and the components of our development for a Community Common, and then propose several design ideas for the Committee to consider. This was a great success and provided various new approaches to be considered. The results of the charrette are published and available at the Town Office for review.

Request for Proposal for Conceptual Master Plan: Once the charrette ideas, the town's needs, and the basic design components and features for the site were gathered, the Committee began the process of engaging engineers and other design professionals to design conceptual plans and develop cost estimates for the master plan and infrastructure design for the Treitman site. The Committee prepared a Request for Proposal and received proposals from 5 design teams. The Committee interviewed all 5 teams and used a weighted rating system to judge their qualifications for the work. Each team's cost proposal for the work was sealed until after the Committee decided the order of qualification of the 5 teams. Once the cost proposals for professional services were opened, it was determined that the best qualified team also had the lowest cost proposal! Congratulations to Rizzo Associates, Inc. of Manchester with a winning cost proposal of \$52,894. Additionally, the Committee and Selectmen believe that there may be a few other costs relating to the design work. Total costs are estimated at \$60,000. Last year,

voters approved \$30,000 for planning and design costs. Because we won the Plan NH grant, we only used \$2,000 of those funds (to publish the Plan NH results). The Committee would like to use the remaining \$28,000 that was approved from last year toward this cost. Therefore, voters are asked to approve \$32,000 this year for the design of the master plan and infrastructure for the Treitman property.

Capital Reserve Fund Addition Requested: Additionally, there is a warrant article for \$50,000 to be placed into the Building and Land Capital Reserve Fund. If this warrant article is approved by voters, then there will be a balance of approximately \$395,430 that will have been saved toward the anticipated construction costs of the development (this amount is net after the full payment for the land purchase).

The Committee looks forward to working on the Master Plan and Infrastructure design with Rizzo Associates, Inc. for this property.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan N. LeDuc and Robert W. Pollock, Jr.
Committee Co-Chairs

New Hampton Conservation Commission

The Conservation Commission has been active this year with its legislative charge of ensuring proper utilization and protection of natural resources of the town with a special focus on the town's watershed resources. To this end the Commission has engaged in the following:

- Commission members continued to review and comment upon dredge and fill applications and to respond to resident inquiries and complaints.
- Commissioners participated in Department of Environmental Services workshops on Wetlands Identification and How to Identify Dredge and Fill Violations.
- Commission members participated in the Squam Lakes Watershed Project's (SLWP) public input meeting. The SLWP is currently compiling layered maps of those towns in the watershed. The output of this project will be paper and electronic maps that should be very helpful for both the Town and Commission.
- The Commission once again sponsored and assisted in bringing together Dave Erler from the Science Center of New Hampshire and Fourth Graders from New Hampton Public School for wetland instruction at the Kelley-Drake Conservation Area.
- In response to a number of complaints concerning vehicular misuse of the Kelley-Drake Conservation Area, the Commission Chair convened a group of interested parties that included the Town Administrator, Town Police Chief, Program Specialist for NH Bureau of Trails, several federal enforcement officers, a member of the local snowmobile club, and a local forester. It was decided that a coordinated enforcement effort combined with a good forest management plan to reduce or remove mud holes on the property would be the most effective approaches for reducing this misuse.
- Commission members took an active role in site selection charrette of the Town Facilities and Development Committee, giving input on to how develop town facilities on the newly acquired Treitman property in an aesthetic and environmentally sound fashion.
- The Commission hired George Frame, a licensed forester, to develop a stewardship management plan of the Kelley-Drake Conservation Area.

Bill Huckins, a former Chair and one of our longest serving members, **received the Kim Ayers Award**, an award granted annually by the Lakes Region Planning Commission to recognize someone who has made an extraordinary effort, over the years, to maintain and improve the environmental quality of the region. Family and work commitments forced the resignation of three Commission members this year: Jon Soller, Sam Conkling and Karon Mertz. Their service was deeply appreciated, and they will be missed.

Finally, we offer thanks to all who made the Music Fest happen this year. This includes: auctioneer Charlie Reynolds for his time and assistance at the pre-fest auction; help with

providing food by John Conkling and Ruth Joyce Scholarship bake sale coordinated by Pat Provencher and Sandy Price; entertainment for children provided by Karon Mertz and Mary Schlesinger; backstage David Gagne and Morgan Murphy from the New Hampton School who provided sound equipment and instruments. We are grateful to the musicians and performers, all of whom donated their time and talents to make the Music Fest such a success: Pocket Change, The Buskers, Liz Short, Mia Lalanne, Camille Schafman, Jack Pollidoro, Trish Lindberg. A. J. Bascom, Ellibet Moore & George Chase, David Gagne & Morgan Murphy, Mary & Matthew Dade, Audrey Drake, and Jim Felch.

Respectful submitted,

Daniel P. Moore
Chair of New Hampton Conservation Commission

Conservation Commission Financial Report

Fund Balance January 1, 2003

Fidelity Cash Reserves	\$ 3,540.55	
Franklin Savings Bank –Passbook	\$ 4,297.29	
NH Public Deposit Investment Pool	\$ 6,125.75	
		\$13,963.59

Receipts:

Interest	\$ 66.36	
Income	\$ 31.74	
Grant From PSNH	\$ 500.00	
		\$ 598.10

Expenditures:

Invoices	\$ 1,419.43	
		\$ 1,419.43

Fund Balance December 31, 2003

Fidelity Cash Reserves	\$ 3,572.29
Franklin Savings Bank – Passbook	\$ 3,396.00
NH Public Deposit Investment Pool	\$ 6,173.97

TOTAL	\$13,142.26
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Heritage Commission

Last year's reports noted that the Selectmen had, at the Commission's recommendation, retained restoration specialist Robert Pothier to conduct a comprehensive examination of the physical condition of the Town House with particular reference to those items that were the subject of a warrant article in both the 2002 and 2003 town meetings: the roof and the windows. Mr. Pothier's report was received in late summer. As he had suggested earlier, Mr. Pothier concluded that the roof needed to be replaced and that the windows could be restored. He also noted that although the south chimney had sagged, there did not appear to be any significant damage as a result or need for extensive repair work. Bids were invited for the roof replacement, and it was accomplished before snow fell. It is hoped work on the windows will be going forward next summer.

The Commission made little progress in its attempts to create an inventory of pre-Civil War structures and other items of architectural or historical interest, particularly given the poor return on its questionnaire sent with the Town newsletter. Members of the Commission plan to try to investigate and catalog such items of interest, making their own inquiries based on old maps.

The Commission took over from the Conservation Commission the project of seeking design and construction of welcome-to-New Hampton signs at appropriate highway points. Thanks largely to the efforts of Selectman Tom Smith, an extensive sample of such signs in other New Hampshire towns was assembled and general agreement was reached on recommendations to the Selectmen. The Commission is particularly grateful for the conscientious attendance at and always helpful participation in Commission meetings.

As always, the Commission welcomes attendance by any interested persons at Commission meetings which take place at 7 PM at the Town Offices on the last Tuesday of each month. The Commission, which was established in 2000, also invites any persons interested in New Hampton heritage preservation activities to consider volunteering for service on the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick Smith, Jr., Chair

Solid Waste Committee

The Solid Waste Committee had a couple of meetings this past year devoted to monitoring the disposal costs for construction debris (C&D) and of municipal solid waste (MSW) and helping to find new vendors for the sale of recycled materials. The State of New Hampshire is encouraging municipalities to implement a pay-to-throw system for the disposal MSW. The committee members have attended a number of workshops on this issue over the last few years. We sought input from anyone that has been willing to supply it. Currently, the committee encouraged the board of selectmen to continue the issuance of free vehicle stickers to qualifying parties. So far, this program appears to be working as most qualifying parties have stopped in for their transfer station sticker. Our total tonnage for recycling seems to be up about 49.6% from 2002. In checking out the MSW hopper at the recycling station, it appears that some of our residents still like to just throw valuable recycling materials away. Please, let's try to encourage some of our friends and neighbors to join our recycling effort. We would like to stress the necessity of keeping our recycling volume high in order to hold our cost for disposal to relatively small percentage increases. A pay-to-throw system has been shown to increase the volume of recycled material in most towns adopting a program. One town that we discussed showed a four-fold increase in recyclables by going to pay-as-you throw for MSW. We definitely should explore our choices for the future, if the voluntary recycling program cannot maximize its yield. Some of us have observed some really successful recycling programs where the MSW waste component was one-third to one-half of the amount being recycled. Right now, we have an MSW tonnage, which is about five times larger than our recycling tonnage.

Our current disposal costs include \$21,110 for 250 tons of C&D as well as \$66,146 in disposal fees for 813 tons of MSW. The hauling and container rental fees of \$19,161 were another expense, which is part of the total disposal costs for the above tonnage. This expense decreased close to 3% while we handled a significantly larger amount of trash (C&D was up 30% over 2002, while MSW increased 9%). The transfer station staff has done great job of seeing that we maximize the use of the MSW and C&D containers before they are exchanged to go to the landfill. Our tipping cost per ton for MSW was \$63.36 and C&D is \$66.33 for 2003, which was close to 2002 prices. Our hauling per ton cost was about \$18.03 (a decrease from 2002). These prices are somewhat modest in the light of how the market is going. Waste Management held our container rental fees relatively flat for 2003. Our recycling operation provided a net worth of \$1,926.50 (or \$101.68/recycled-ton) through the sale of recyclables, avoided tipping and hauling costs. The actual sale of recyclables amounted to \$5228 or about \$3200 more than last year. So the revenue from these materials has increased about 160% over 2002. The Household Hazardous Waste Program in July, 2003 collected fees of \$1032.00. Fees totalling \$12,297.65 were collected from residents who used the Transfer Station.

The committee encourages **further recycling**, as we have some more opportunities for the selling of recycled materials. Recycling continues to be an excellent way to help cost containment. Our best vehicle for savings, in this service, is to increase our amount of avoided costs. Please try to do your part by continuing, starting and increasing the amount that you recycle. As an example, cereal boxes will be an item for which we have found a market (this is new as these boxes went into the MSW container in past years!)

Respectfully submitted,
William J. Roberts

Gordon-Nash Library

The Gordon-Nash Library launched its web site this year thanks to the expertise and creativity of Mark Denoncour. The site can be found at www.gordon-nash.org. Included on the page is a calendar, research links, list of trustees, community organizations, a history of the library, services, Friends of the Library information, and a virtual tour.

The Friends of the Library bought two office chairs and mats as well as more archival boxes to store the Record Enterprise. We received donations of mystery, decorating, and gardening books. We were able to add 80 videos to the collection through a donation by a local video store. Larry Blood's children donated a desk for the children's room in honor of his 80th birthday. Books were also donated in his honor. The plaque on the desk reads "Given in honor of Larry Blood by his family February 6, 2003." He introduced the wonder of books to many of New Hampton's children.

June Smith retired from the library in August, after nineteen years of devoted service. We also said goodbye this year to Hope Clement, Myra Emmons, Christine Seaver, and Kimberly Thouin.

Community members displayed a variety of collections, which included needlework, poems/prints, wood working, and the second annual art exhibit by the children at New Hampton Community School.

The library sponsored another successful Summer Reading Program and Reading Rock the Granite State. The children enjoyed Mr. Phil, the Magicians, a rock craft club, story hour, movie afternoon, and a special Read the Book/See the Movie discussion. Other programs for children included a Dr. Seuss birthday party, family holiday party with the Brownies decorating the tree, a home school program, and stories for the children from New Hampton Community School and New Hampton Day Care. The library offered two book discussions for adults, one daytime and one nighttime. The library received grants for two programs from the New Hampshire Humanities Council. One was a discussion by Robert Perreault, *Before Peyton Place: In Search of the Real Grace Metalious* and second was a Book Bag Discussion, *Humor Here and There*.

This year saw some building problems. The pipes froze twice; the boiler leaked and had to be replaced; two other pipes developed leaks and had to be fixed; and the roof leaked causing many ceiling tiles to fall.

Due to the economy, the income from the interest from the Trust Fund has not been enough to run the library with the present budget. The Trustees decided that a reduction in staff, budget, and hours for the next year will be necessary. To this end, the library will be closed on Monday, effective January 2004.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Dowal, Director
Gordon-Nash Library

New Hampton Historical Society

The Historical Society continues to enjoy broad community support with about 100 members. But we also face a major challenge in transforming the Daniel Smith Tavern (aka Preston Hall, Pinnacle Hotel, Fountain House) into a viable community asset of which we may all be proud.

Four elements that lay a foundation for this effort were accomplished or initiated in 2003.

- The historic value of the Tavern was recognized by the State of New Hampshire through listing on the State's Historic Register.
- The Lakes Region Charitable Foundation granted funds to employ professional planning assistance in guiding the rehabilitation of the Daniel Smith Tavern. The \$5,000 grant will allow the Society to engage the service of Christopher Closs of Hopkinton, a well-qualified and respected architectural historian, to assess and recommend the direction the Society should take in its use of this property.
- Dedicated volunteers have operated the BuyGones Shop (a thrift shop), located in the Daniel Smith Tavern, to raise money for the rehabilitation of the Tavern. To date, more than \$3,000 has been added to the fund.
- The Society has launched a town wide campaign to broaden membership support.

Looking much fresher after last year's ceiling replacement, the Chapel Museum on Dana Hill Road opened its doors to more than 150 guests who came to see the 2003 exhibit, "New Hampton Participates in America's Wars." Next summer's exhibit is likely to feature the Grange and its relation to New Hampton's agricultural history. In September the Society was asked by the New Hampton Grange to assume responsibility for preserving important artifacts used by the Grange during its more than 100-year history in New Hampton. Accompanying the property was a financial sum to assist in preservation of these items.

Frederick "Fritz" Robbins was a prolific artist and, for many years, a resident of New Hampton. A retrospective exhibition of his work was mounted in the New Hampton School's Galletly Gallery a few years ago. A consequence of that project was the donation to the Society of more than 20 pieces of his art. When Robbins died in 1974, many of the plates used to produce his etchings were left to New Hampton School and in 2003 the school generously donated the plates to the Society. Others in the community have recently added to the Society's collection of Robbins memorabilia.

Continuing the educational component of its mission, the Society has sponsored several lecture programs underwritten by the New Hampshire Humanities Council. The "traveling trunk" has visited the New Hampton Community School's fourth grade students (more than forty) on two occasions in the fall.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert L. Thompson, President

Sarah Dow MacGregor Scholarship Fund

Balance 1/1/03	\$ 46.16
Receipts	6,000.14
Total	\$ 6,046.30

Scholarship Recipients:

Alyssa Bergeron
Richard Boynton
Ellen Denoncour
Sarah Dowal
Kara Harlow
Marie Kettenring
Susanne Simpson
Amanda Troup
Molly Troup

Expenditures	\$ 5,954.80
Balance as of 12/31/03	\$ 98.90

Tapply-Thompson Community Center

The Staff of the Tapply-Thompson Community Center wishes everyone a Happy & Healthy New Year.

We are happy to report that Daniel MacLean has returned to the Center as the Assistant Director after four years in Virginia. He brings a tremendous amount of energy and experience to the program.

Our after school staff includes Ceena Robie, Bob Emerson, and Samantha Austin. Donna Lowell is our custodial/office/glue that holds us together and Phyllis Jordan is with us from the AARP program. We also had two awesome student interns from PSU during the spring that worked in the After School program.

For those of you that don't know, the TTCC fundraises over \$40,000 per year. We want to thank all of the tireless volunteers who make this possible. The Baseball Program budget alone is close to \$27,000 and has 27 teams participating. Without our volunteer coaches, officials, board members and families' fundraising we would not be able to provide the programs that we do. Thank you all so much!

Some of the exciting efforts we collaborated on this year include the "Friends with a Vision," The Skate Park Committee, the 21st Century Grant with the Newfound School District, and an awesome Haunted Hayride with the Friends of Hill Parks & Recreation. The "Friends with a Vision" has raised \$10,000 in the last year towards building a Community/Senior Center.

We are grateful to the Newfound Area School District for their unending support of our sports programs by allowing us access to the school gyms and fields.

We won a free year of website in January and now have our site up and running at www.tccrec.com. Check it out and let us know what you think.

The biggest change this year was in our After School program. We have revamped it to be a sign-in/out program with structured activities and increased hours. This has virtually eliminated the problems of kids hanging out on North Main Street in front of the Center. There are over 200 children registered in this program with an average attendance of over 50 each day. The response from the community has been overwhelmingly positive.

We are always looking for representatives to serve on our Advisory Council. They meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7 PM.

In closing, the TTCC wishes to thank the many New Hampton volunteers that make our Newfound community such a great place to be.

Come and recreate with us in 2004. The Benefits are Endless...

Community Action Program

The Meredith Community Action Program is a local, community based, nonprofit organization dedicated to addressing the needs of the elderly and low-income residents in the Town of New Hampton.

During the past year, we have provided \$101,677.65 in services to New Hampton residents. As you are aware, our major concern has always been and will continue to be, the delivery of needed services to the elderly, handicapped and low-income residents of New Hampton.

Service Description	Units of Service	Household/Persons	Value
Commodity Supplemental Food Program	73 packages	6 persons	\$ 1,825.00
Congregate Meals	673 meals	28 persons	\$ 4,697.54
Emergency Food Pantries	4350 meals	300 persons	\$ 21,750.00
Fuel Assistance	67 applications	160 persons	\$ 37,410.00
Meals-On-Wheels	734 meals	8 persons	\$ 5,130.66
Transportation	6 rides	6 persons	\$ 32.52
Women, Infants and Children	177 packages	15 persons	\$ 7,965.00
Neighbor Helping Neighbor	1 grant		\$ 200.00
Weatherization	2 home	6 persons	\$ 2,871.00
Home	1 home	6 persons	\$ 12,935.00
Family Planning		51 persons	\$ 5,100.00
Emergency Assistance Fund	1 grant		\$ 500.00
Caring Fund	1 grant		\$ 500.00
Senior Companion Program	123 hours	1 visitee	\$ 760.93

Our 2004 budget request is \$6,518.00 for the continuation of services to the elderly, handicapped, and low-income residents of the Town of New Hampton through the Meredith Area Center, Community Action Program, Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc.

Lakes Region Planning Commission

The Lakes Region has changed tremendously in the past 20 years. Homes and businesses have expanded along major roadways, and many of our communities have experienced dramatic change. This growth has resulted in a number of regional challenges. The Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) is the area organization established to address the effects of growth at both the local and regional level. With a service area covering over 1,200 square miles in Belknap, Carroll, Grafton and Merrimack Counties, the LRPC provides a wide range of planning services to member municipalities. The Commission offers diverse direct and support services ranging from technical assistance, geographic information systems, and transportation planning, to land use and environmental planning, and economic development. The LRPC is primarily funded from local, state, and federal resources. We are contacted several times daily for answers to local issues. We also maintain a regular dialogue with state agencies as a resource for the entire Lakes Region. Our goal remains to provide support and leadership to the governments, businesses and citizens of the Lakes Region.

Here are some of our services performed on behalf of New Hampton and the region in the past fiscal year:

- Participated in a charrette organized by the town for the location of town buildings.
- Distributed road maps of New Hampton to local town officials.
- Provided information to a landowner regarding the maintenance of vegetative buffers when cutting trees for views.
- Ordered for the New Hampton Planning Board twenty-eight copies of the 2003-2004 N.H. Planning and Land Use Regulation Books at considerable savings.
- Co-hosted and organized three public Municipal Law Lectures where practicing attorneys provide a legal perspective on local planning, zoning and other municipal issues. Recent lectures included: Growth Management and Smart Growth, Effective Enforcement of Local Land Use Decisions and Regulations, and Nonconforming Uses and Vested Rights. We also prepared for the 2003 Law Lectures, in partnership with the NH Municipal Association.
- Completed and distributed the Lakes Region Demographic Profile; a comprehensive compilation of key socioeconomic indicators from the US Census, and other data sources.
- Convened several meetings of the LRPC Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to enhance local involvement in transportation planning and project development. The TAC usually advises the LRPC on projects that are of regional significance.
- Initiated the start of the Lakes Region Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. This planning effort will help provide a blueprint for the location of local bike and pedestrian routes.

- Hosted a National flood Insurance Program Workshop for Local Officials that provided an overview of the National Flood Insurance Program and training for local officials.
- With assistance from the Community Development Finance Authority (CDFA) SEED Capacity Grant, LRPC completed a number of work products including the Demographic Profile, coordination with area economic development organizations and Main Street communities, and the computerization of town-level economic development data.
- Reviewed project proposals through the NH Intergovernmental Review Agreement that provides the region and local communities an opportunity to respond to applications seeking state and federal aid. LRPC reviewed many proposals having a combined investment total greater than \$16 million in the Lakes Region.
- Conducted over 160 traffic counts and several road inventories around the region, in cooperation with the NH Department of Transportation.
- Continued technical support to the Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee, in cooperation with the NH Department of Environmental Services.
- Convened four area Commission meetings that featured Natural Resources Planning: a Lakes Region perspective. The presentations were followed by facilitated discussions that identified issues and innovative natural resource initiatives.
- Planned the 18th annual household hazardous waste collection in the Lakes Region. In FY-04, two consecutive Saturdays were designated as collection days for the 24 participating communities. An estimated 20,000 total gallons of waste were collected, containerized, and transported to EPA approved end-of-life locations around the country.
- Updated the annual Development Trends in the Lakes Region, a survey of subdivision, housing construction, industrial, and commercial development.
- In consultation with the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), LRPC prepared, adopted, and submitted to the NH DOT the latest regional recommendations for Transportation Enhancement Funding.
- Represented the region on several committees including: the NH Transportation Enhancement Advisory Committee, the Statewide steering committee to update the NH Airport System Plan, the Belknap County Economic Development Council, the Northern Rail Task Force, among others.
- LRPC also continues to assist start-up efforts of the recently opened Lakes Region Household Hazardous Product Facility.
- Secured funding from the NH Emergency Management Bureau to assist local communities with the preparation of all hazard management plans.

Lakes Region Community Services Council

Lakes Region Community Services Council provides support and services to families with children and adults who have developmental disabilities and live in New Hampton and the surrounding communities. Some of the supports we provide to people with disabilities include: support to families, respite, help to find jobs, help with keeping employed, involvement with community activities, assistance with personal care needs and transportation.

The funds received from your town continue to be used to support the recreation coordinator's position. She has been working with recreation departments and community members in several towns organizing or assisting in events that create opportunities for all to participate.

We would like to thank the citizens of New Hampton for your on-going and future support of making recreation opportunities available in you community.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Crocker
Executive Director

Newfound Area Nursing Association

Mission Statement: To promote health and provide therapeutic services for individuals and families in our community. Our services and programs are individualized to maximize outcomes and enhance quality of life in the community.

2003 Summary of Services for the Town of New Hampton

Skilled Nursing	553
Physical Therapy	129
Occupational Therapy	42
Home Health Aide	411
Homemaker	8
Social Service Visits	31
TOTAL	1,174

Outreach Programs:

Flu Vaccines: NANA ran twice the volume of clinics in 2003 than in 2002. We held 9 clinics and immunized 375 residents.

Well Child Clinics: Monthly clinics for physicals, immunizations, nutrition and health education.

School Immunizations: 13

Newfound Area Parental Support Programs:

- **Tots Play Time (Summer):** Sixteen weeks. Meet parents plus toddlers at TTCC each week to discuss parenting topics.
- **Parent/Infant Support Group:** 52 weeks. Social worker facilitates weekly meetings with mom and infants.

Tobacco Prevention Community Activity by NANA "Make Art Not Smoke" Coalition:

- 337 youth participated in 86 prevention, cessation and second hand smoke education initiatives.
- **High School:** your coalition developed partnerships with 41 community-based organizations.
- 2003 TAP survey results show tobacco use is down by 12.9% and youth that have never smoked is up by 9.7%.

Hypertension Screenings: 119 clinics.

Foot Care Clinics: 121 clinics.

Senior Companion Program: Trained volunteers to visit 31 seniors throughout the community. NANA continues to administer this program in identifying and matching volunteers with individuals who have asked to be part of this program.

Multiple Sclerosis Support Group: NANA initiated a monthly MS support group in the summer of 2003 for individuals, families and caregivers to meet and facilitate the exchange of information and resources. This program provides an interface between state and regional organizations and patients dealing with the disease process.

Newfound Area Nursing Association (NANA) is proud to be able to maintain the high quality of home care and supportive services to our area residents that have been offered for more than 43 years. 2003 was a challenging year for NANA due to continuous changes in the Medicare Payment System that saw the rate that we are paid decrease more than 14% over a nine-month period. This presents challenges to us to be more efficient and effective in our service delivery programs. We continue to look for skilled, motivated, and caring staff and have lowered our turnover rate during the past year to less than 12 %. We are using new portable technology in order to allow us to spend more time face to face with our clients as well as to process our clinical and billing information more efficiently. You can help us with suggestions as we continuously look for new ideas and programs that we can bring to our neighbors in the towns we serve. Our goal is expanding to increase the volume of programs that increase the overall wellness and health of all age groups. In addition to our MS support group, this year saw the implementation of more wellness programs targeted at our youth in both the High School and Middle School. We are looking forward to continuing to serve this community and are thankful for your participation both financially and with your presence in volunteering in the many areas that help our clients and us to be more effective.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger G. Nicholls, Jr.
Executive Director

Youth Services Bureau

CURRENT:

The Youth Services Bureau Court Diversion Program provides effective alternatives to court-involvement for first time juvenile offenders. To be eligible, a youth must admit to having committed the offense that he/she is charged with and be willing to take full responsibility for it. Staff members help the youth to reflect on the effect of his/her behavior on self on others.

According to figures provided by Belknap County Human Services and the Division of Juvenile Justice Services, a conservative estimate for the cost of court-ordered serviced from one juvenile is about \$9,000. For a mere fraction of that cost, the staff of the Court Diversion Program is able to hold a youth accountable for his/her offense, instill a sense of community ownership and citizenship through acts of service, provide accountability and support for academics, and use the youth's strengths and interests as tools to redirect and motivate him/her. This is accomplished through a variety of avenues, which include weekly meetings with the youth and by-weekly meetings with the youth and his/her parent(s) at which progress is measured and assignments are presented and reviewed. Each youth is also given the opportunity to improve his/her ability to deal with the issues that teenagers commonly struggle with (ie., academics, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, peer pressure, anger, relationships) through research and discussion, viewing educational videos, and participation in prevention/early intervention groups with their peers.

In addition to the Court Diversion Program, residents of New Hampton also have access to the other services and programs of the Youth Services Bureau which include:

- **Parent/child Mediation:** An affordable, confidential process that provides families with an opportunity to address issues that are contributing to conflict in the home. Mediation sessions are facilitated by a team of trained mediators and help families to learn communication skill, and to gain insight into each other's needs.
- **Upswing:** An intervention program for families who have a child in danger of entering the court system under CHINS (Child In Need of Services) Petition. The program meets with family members to determine needs, helps families access needed services in the community, teaches parents about effective discipline and adolescent development. The program is available to families at no cost.
- **Challenge:** An early intervention drug and alcohol education course, which aims to intervene and curtail further involvement with substances. Other issues such as high-risk behaviors, STD's, and problem solving are also explored.

PROPOSED:

Anger Management: Staff is in the final stages of putting together an anger management group for high school and middle school students (two separate groups). The program is designed to help youth learn to deal with their anger in a healthy, non-destructive way.

Participants will learn: 1) to recognize the specific thoughts, feelings and behaviors which can contribute to feeling of anger and lead to aggressive behavior; 2) coping skills to reduce and change their behavior; 3) to make general lifestyle changes that will result in an ability to think and act more positively.

The Real Game: Staff is in the final stages of preparation to offer this group that gives teens an opportunity to do self-exploration/assessment, career planning, and educational/occupational exploration. The content of the course incorporate much of the knowledge and skill taught in school as well as decision-making, teamwork, and critical thinking.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly DeWald
Director

Births

BIRTHS RECORDED FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2003

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>NAME OF FATHER</u>	<u>NAME OF MOTHER</u>
MacDonald, Jennifer Rose	01/30/2003	Concord	MacDonald, Thomas	MacDonald, Cindy
McMahon, Thomas John	02/10/2003	Laconia	McMahon, James	McMahon, Jennifer
Magdich, Rashaun Richard	02/25/2003	Laconia	Magdich, Andrew	Magdich, Amy
Flaherty, Erin McLaughlin	04/14/2003	Laconia	Flaherty, Patrick	Flaherty, Kristin
Tucker, Anne-Marie Nora	06/12/2003	Laconia	Tucker, Kenneth	Tucker, Jennifer
Eastman, Ronnie Victor	07/03/2003	Franklin	Eastman, David	Eastman, Tracy-May
Stankes, Benjamin Daniel	07/22/2003	Concord	Stankes, David	Stankes, Sarah
Ehmann, Adrian William	08/27/2003	Laconia	Ehmann, Jay	Ehmann, Diane
Deering, Ryan Andrew	09/06/2003	Laconia	Deering, Mark	Deering, Jennifer
Eckert, Noah James	10/06/2003	Concord	Eckert, James	Hearne, Debraura
Cross, Kurtis Thomas	10/07/2003	Laconia	Cross, Fred	Cross, Megan
Huckins, Julia Rose	10/16/2003	Lebanon	Huckins, Jeffrey	Huckins, Jennifer
Green, Sydney Ella	11/08/2003	Concord	Green, Bradley	Green, Christiane
Staples, Kiauna Mae	11/20/2003	Plymouth	Staples, Scott	Hooper-Staples, Stephanie

I hereby certify that the above return is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

CYNTHIA M. HALLBERG

New Hampton Town Clerk

Marriages

MARRIAGES RECORDED FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2003

<u>Groom's Name</u>	<u>Groom's Residence</u>	<u>Bride's Name</u>	<u>Bride's Residence</u>	<u>Town of Issuance</u>	<u>Place of Marriage</u>	<u>Date of Marriage</u>
Belyea, Kenneth W.	New Hampton	Parshley, Roxanna R.	New Hampton	New Hampton	Meredith	03/01/2003
Downes, Donald A.	New Hampton	Charrette, Melanie A.	New Hampton	New Hampton	Sanbornton	05/09/2003
Bieniarz, John F.	New Hampton	Doucette, Rebecca L.	New Hampton	New Hampton	Concord	05/16/2003
Wallace, George R.	New Hampton	Shepard, Virginia M.	New Hampton	New Hampton	New Hampton	05/25/2003
Isabelle, Brian	New Hampton	Ottman, Carolyn J.	New Hampton	New Hampton	Tilton	05/31/2003
McClintock, Craig A.	New Hampton	Briggs, Dianne M.	New Hampton	New Hampton	Laconia	06/14/2003
Roberts, William J.	New Hampton	Jackmauh, Elaine M.	Milton, MA	New Hampton	New Hampton	06/15/2003
Russell, Jamie B.	New Hampton	Conkey, Janet L.	New Hampton	Belmont	Plymouth	06/30/2003
Harris, Stephen A.	New Hampton	McCarthy, Heather L.	New Hampton	New Hampton	Portsmouth	08/02/2003
Ayotte, Brian R.	New Hampton	McCoy Poirier, Suzanne E.	New Hampton	New Hampton	Bretton Woods	08/23/2003
Ford, Nathen A.	New Hampton	Wright, Adrienne C.	New Hampton	New Hampton	New Hampton	08/31/2003
Shaffer, Jason A.	New Hampton	Sutherland, Molly J.	New Hampton	New Hampton	New Hampton	08/31/2003
Zamzow, Craig D.	New Hampton	Litchfield, Marcia A.	New Hampton	Plymouth	New Hampton	09/06/2003
Deturk, Thomas A.	New Hampton	Smith, Cheryl J.	New Hampton	New Hampton	New Hampton	09/21/2003
Walsh, Steven D.	New Hampton	Bailey, Rita A.	New Hampton	New Hampton	Jefferson	09/27/2003
Glasheen, Leo B.	New Hampton	Curtis, Rita M.	New Hampton	New Hampton	Campton	10/04/2003
Mathison, Jeremy J.	New Hampton	Hubbard, Amy E.	New Hampton	New Hampton	Meredith	10/18/2003

I hereby certify that the above return is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

CYNTHIA M. HALLBERG
New Hampton Town Clerk

Deaths

DEATHS RECORDED FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2003

<u>Decedent's Name</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Mother's Maiden Name</u>
Burke, Raymond F.	01/11/2003	New Hampton	Burke, John	Yeaton, Dorothy
Huckins, Ralph E.	01/15/2003	Laconia	Huckins, George	Richardson, Bertha
Cutter, Frank S.	02/20/2003	Lebanon	Cutter, Frank	Blackburn, Doris
Akerman, Allen E.	03//19/2003	Laconia	Akerman, Clyde	Sanborn, Fedora
Clark, Clifford V.	03/24/2003	Meredith	Clark, Victor	Wheeler, Ruth
Harvey, Margaret D.	05/16/2003	Lebanon	Harvey, Warren	Chase, Mavis
Boynton, Clarence J.	06/09/2003	Plymouth	Boynton, Elmer	Goss, Grace
Frazier, Frances M.	06/30/2003	Laconia	Gill, Levi	Woodson, Mary
Purington, Diane C.	07/31/2003	New Hampton	Boucher, Arthur	Cassista, Claire
DeFillippo, Donald P.	08/02/2003	Manchester	DeFilippo, Mario	Ahern, Gertrude
Bristow, Sheila A.	08/12/2003	Lebanon	Unknown	Blake, Ann
Rollins, Louise M.	09/05/2003	Meredith	O'Donnell, William	Maltis, Ella
Folsom, Christina	09/20/2003	New Hampton	Perna, Rocco	Garafallo, Mary

Deaths Continued

Carlson, Harold G.	10/06/2003	New Hampton	Carlson, Peter	Larson, Ruth
Heath, Maynard L.	10/15/2003	Laconia	Heath, Carl	True, Edith
Bilodeau, Alfreda M.	11/09/2003	Boscawen	Gagne, Simon	Dore, Anastasia

I hereby certify that the above return is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

CYNTHIA M. HALLBERG
New Hampton Town Clerk

**Town of
New Hampton**

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER

911

Police, Fire & Medical

State Police	1-800-525-5555
Belknap County Sheriff's Dept.	527-5454
Poison Information Center	1-800-222-1222
 Governor's Office (Customer Services)	1-800-852-3456
Executive Councilor Ray Burton	747-3662
State Senator Carl Johnson	279-6492
State Rep. Omer C. Ahern	286-9539
State Rep. Robert J. Laflam	934-3890
State Rep. Fran Wendelboe	968-7988
U.S. Senator Judd Gregg	622-7979
U.S. Senator John E. Sununu	647-7500
U.S. Congressman Charles F. Bass	226-0249
U.S. Congressman Jeb Bradley	641-9536
 Selectmen's Office	744-3559
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	744-8454
Police Dispatch	524-8585
Police Office	744-5423
Fire Chief/Fire Warden	744-2735/744-3559
Public Works Dept./Transfer Station	744-8025

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Selectmen's Business Meeting Thursday Evenings — Call for Time.

Town Clerk's & Tax Collector's Hours

Mon., Tues., Wed., & Fri. 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

(Closed 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. for Lunch)

Thursday 1:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Transfer/Recycling Station: Monday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Wednesday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. — Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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